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01. 2023 SPRING-STUDIO III

Strategies for Developing Productive Waterscapes and Inclusive Communities in Bogotá

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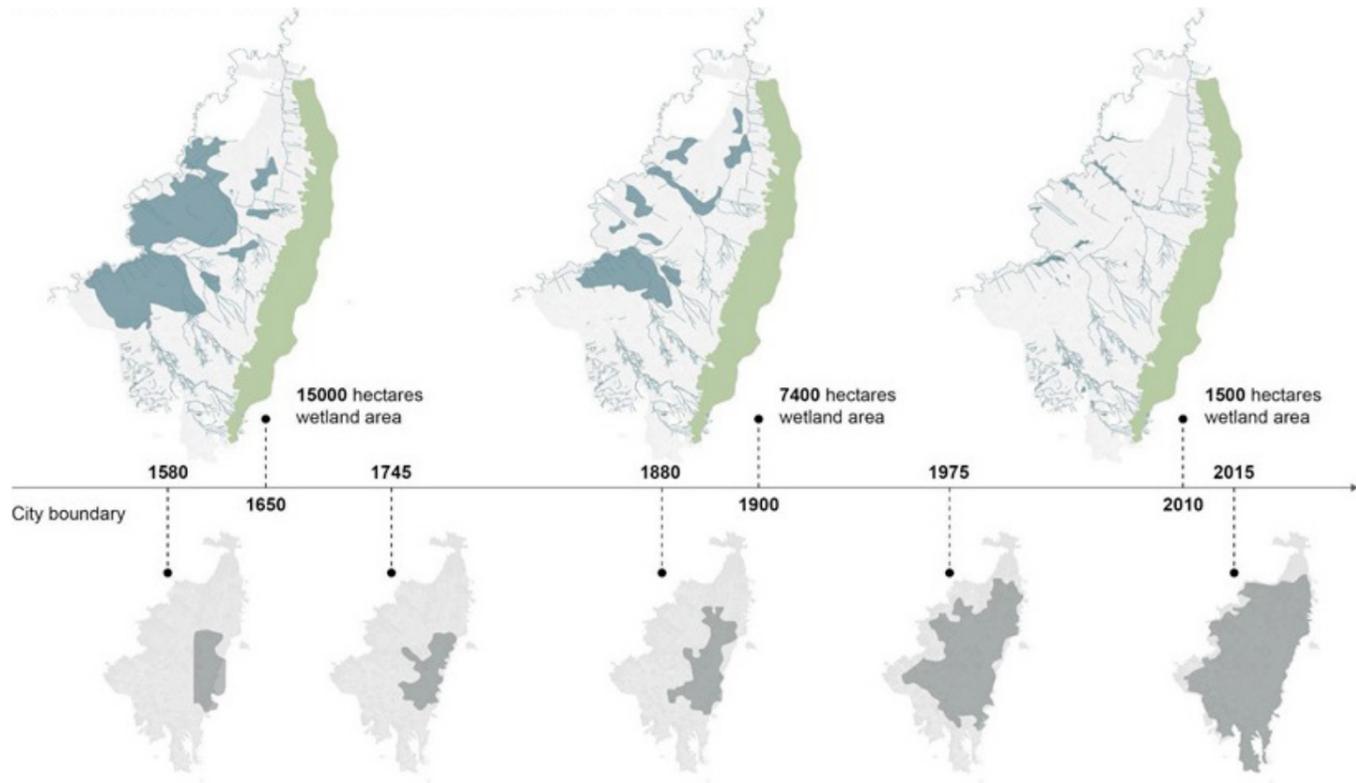
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KEY STATEMENT

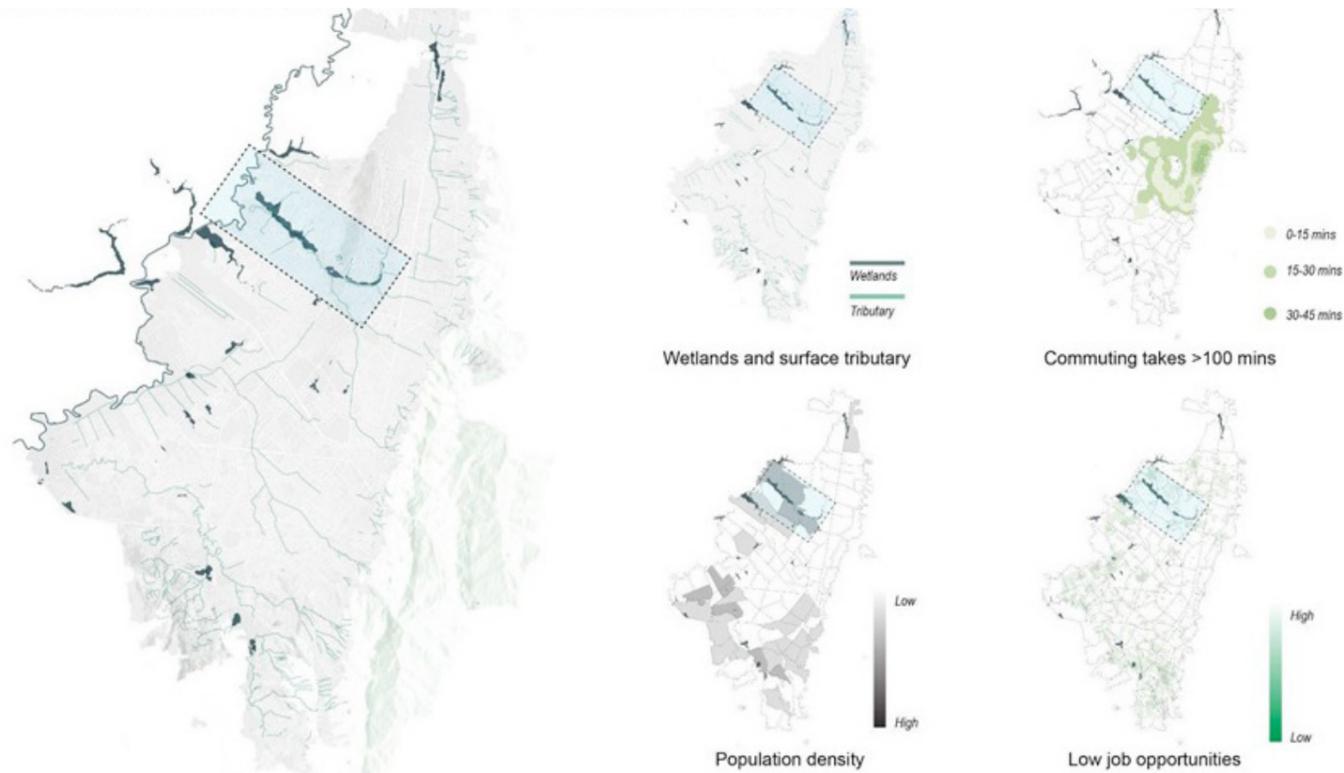
The edge of the Juan Amarillo Wetland and other wetlands of Bogotá is not a static landscape. Rather it is a dynamic and productive place between wetland and community. Our project enhances this dynamic and productive edge, allowing residents to become the guardians of the wetland, protecting it through interaction and care in ways that work better than the fence that currently separates them. At the same time this edge can be cultivated for agricultural produce to enhance the community's economy. This reciprocity is an innovative working solution that generates benefits for both the wetland ecosystem and community.



SHRINKING WETLAND WITH URBAN SPRAWL



UNDERDEVELOPED WETLAND SURROUNDING AREA



SITE OBSERVATION NORTH SIDE



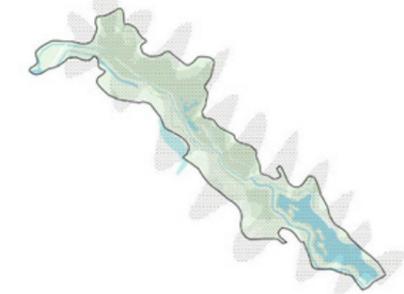
SITE OBSERVATION SOUTH SIDE



DESIGN CONCEPT



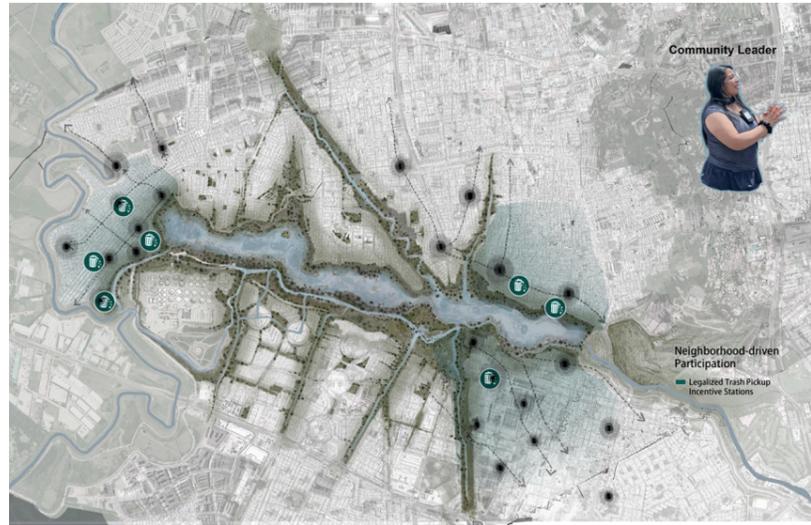
Current Wetland≠
Static landscape Features



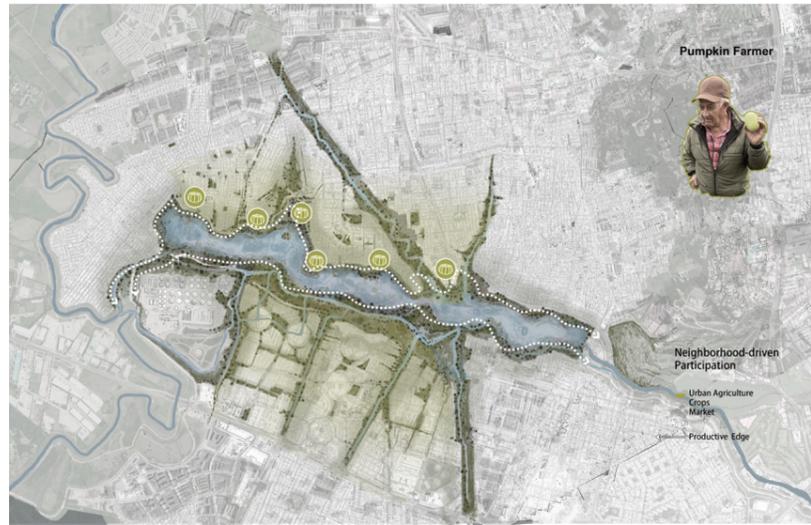
Weaving
Connecting wetland and surrounding
communities development



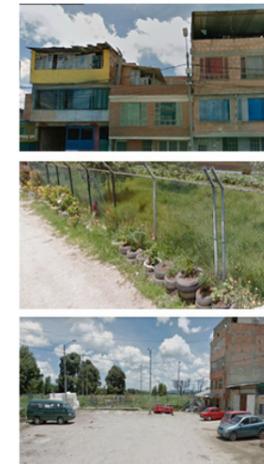
Interaction
wetland benefit communities
stakeholder interests



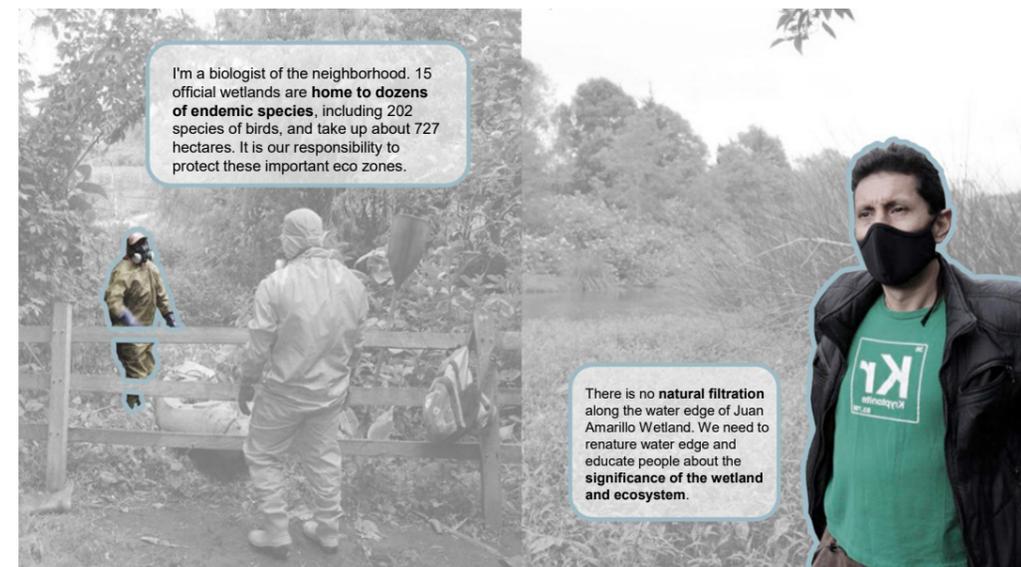
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AREA 2 SUBA SETTLEMENT



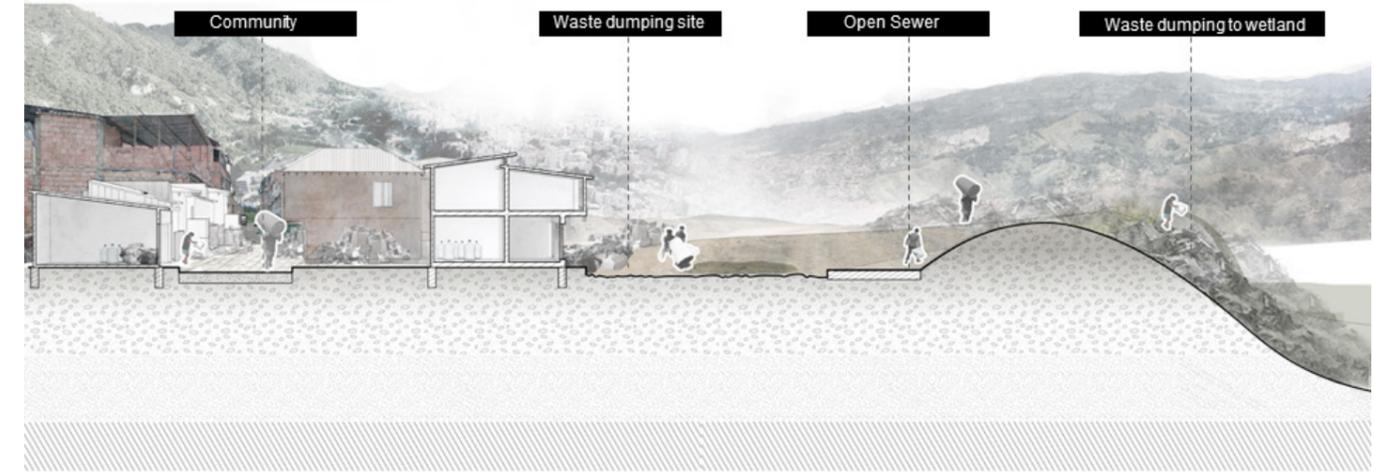
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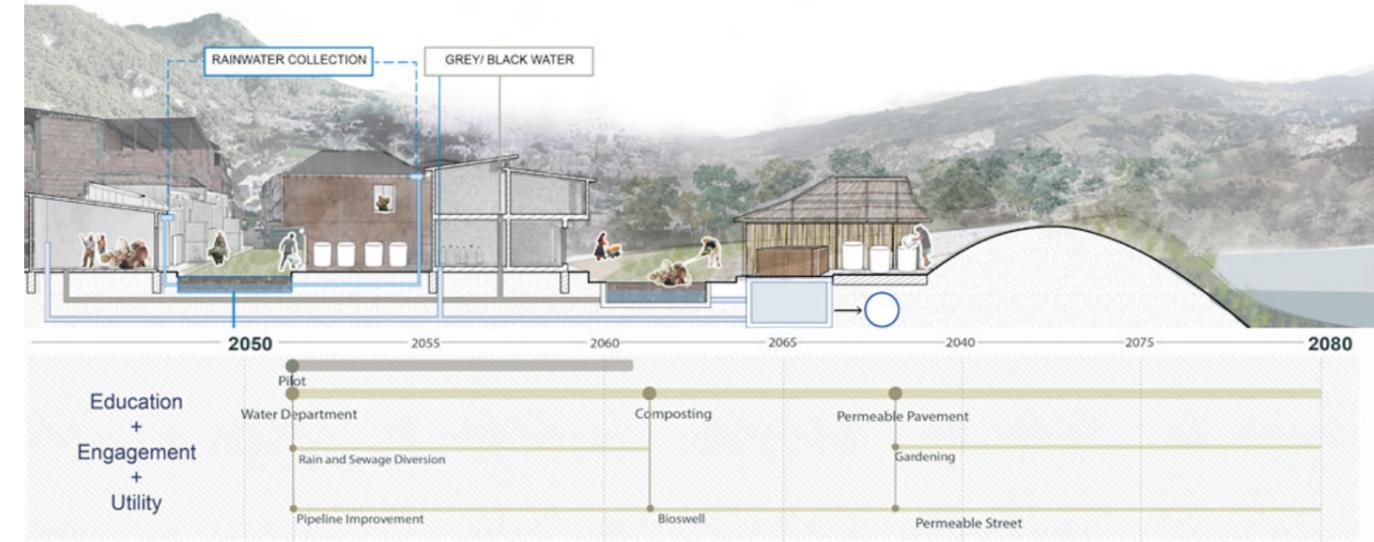
**AREA 1 SITE PLAN
SELF-BUILT SETTLEMENT**



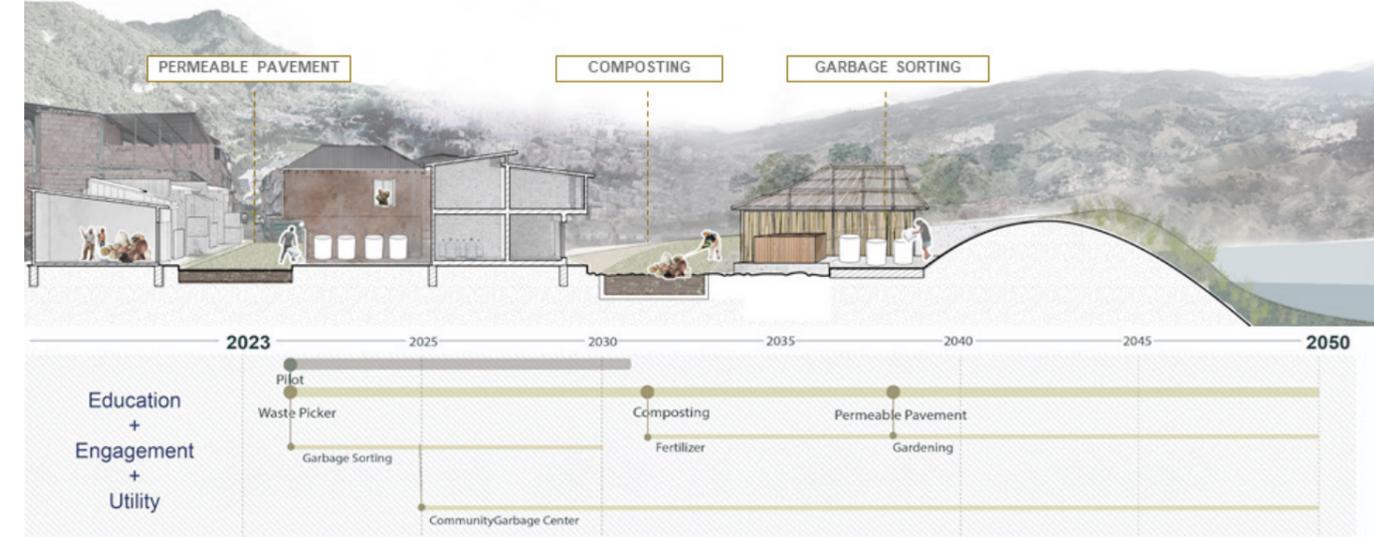
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2023-2080 INTERVENTION SECTION**



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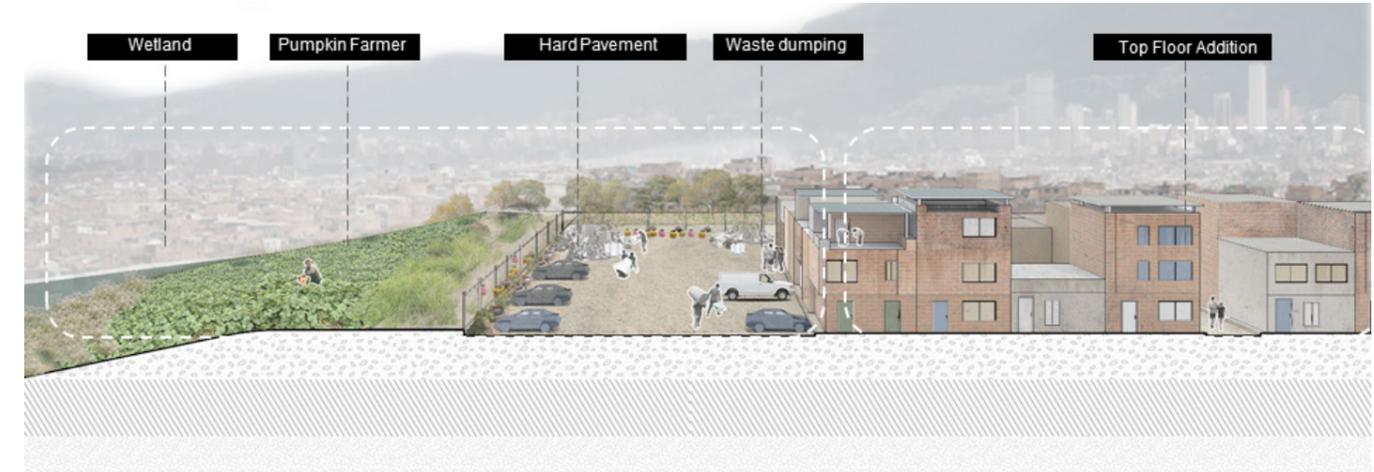


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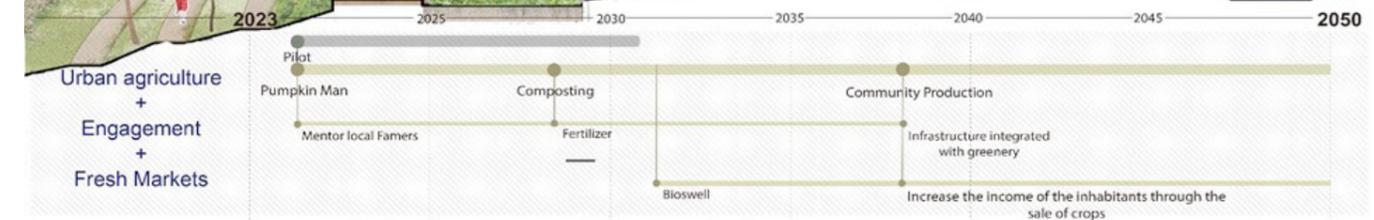
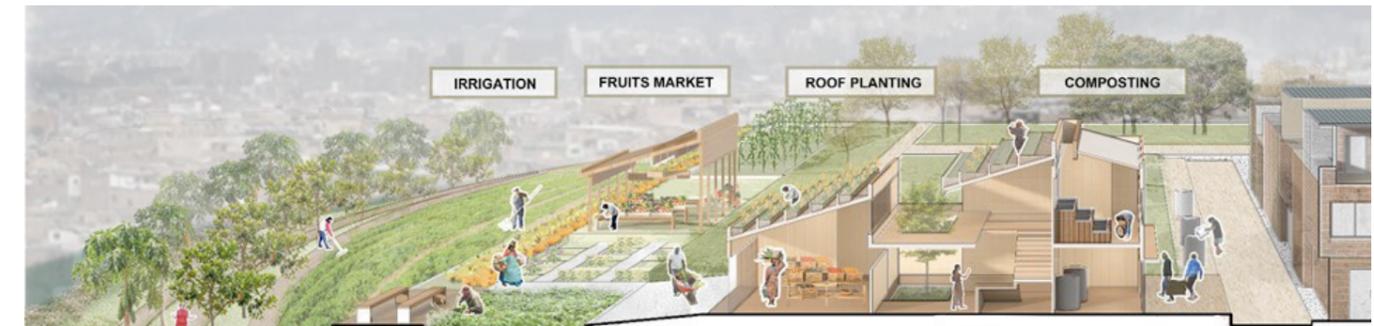
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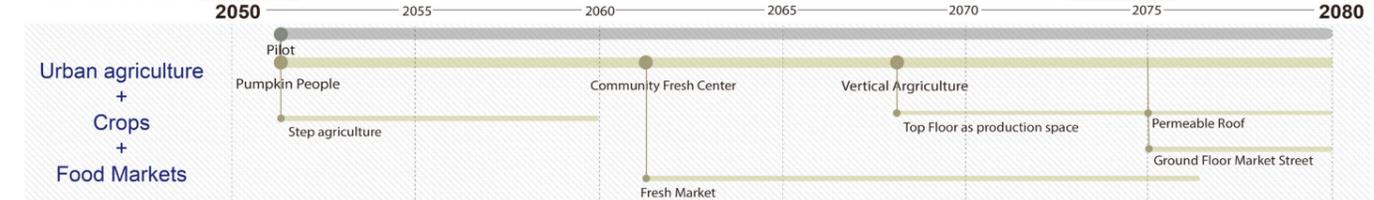
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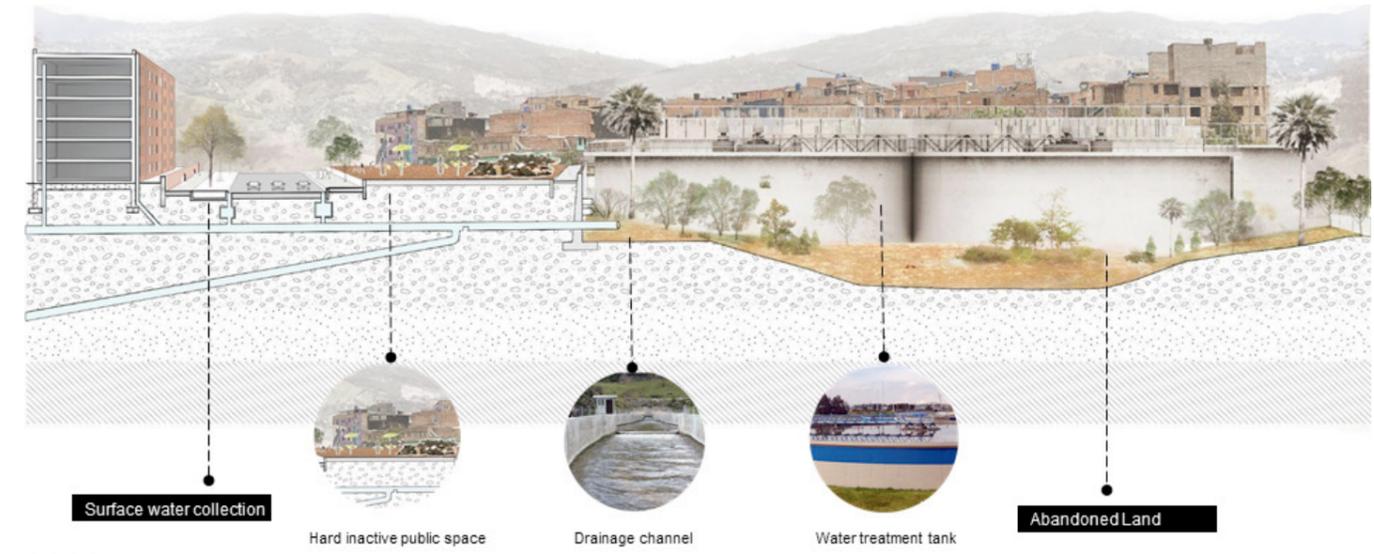


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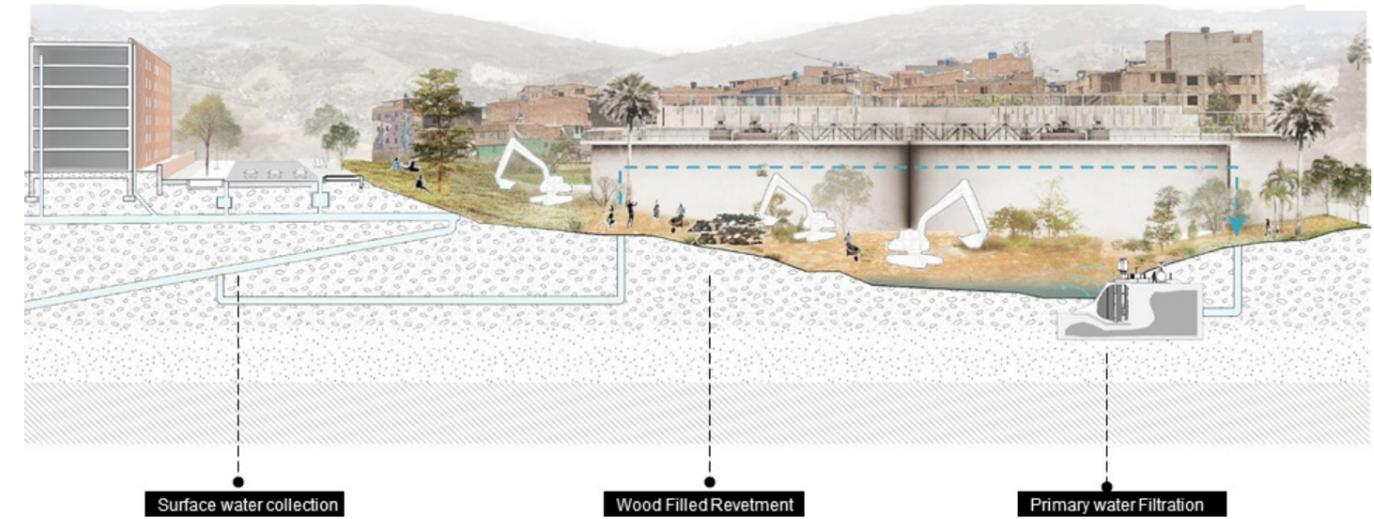
AREA 3 SITE PLAN EL SALITRE WATER TREATMENT



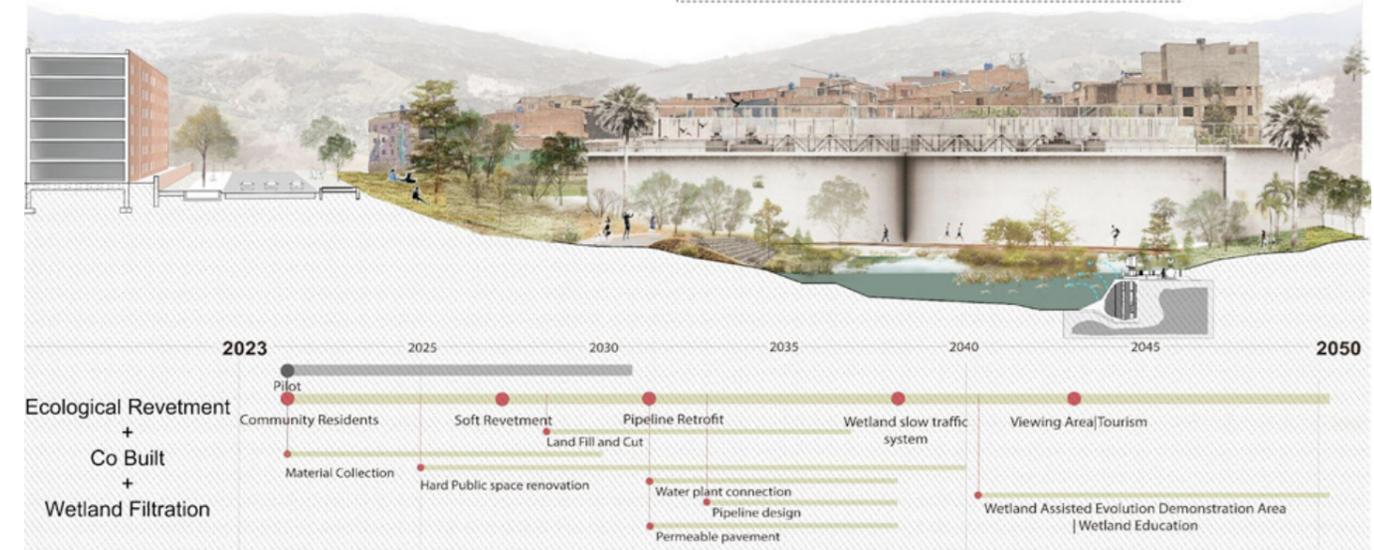
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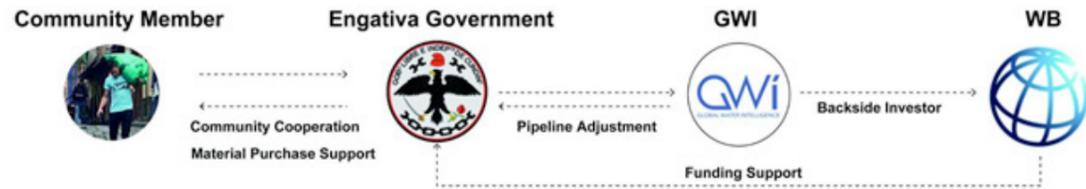
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02. 2022 FALL-STUDIO II

ATLANTA AFTER PROPERTY

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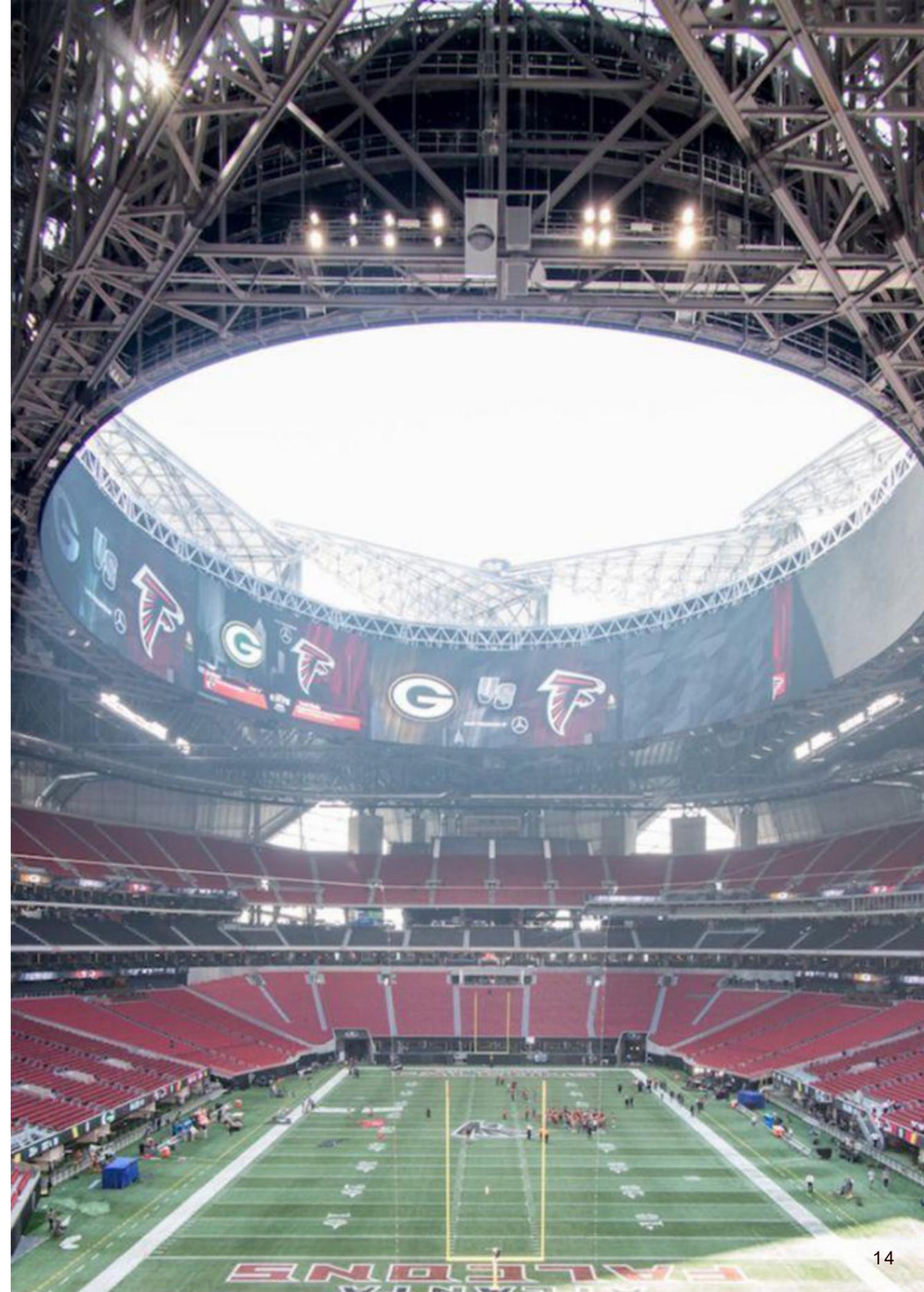
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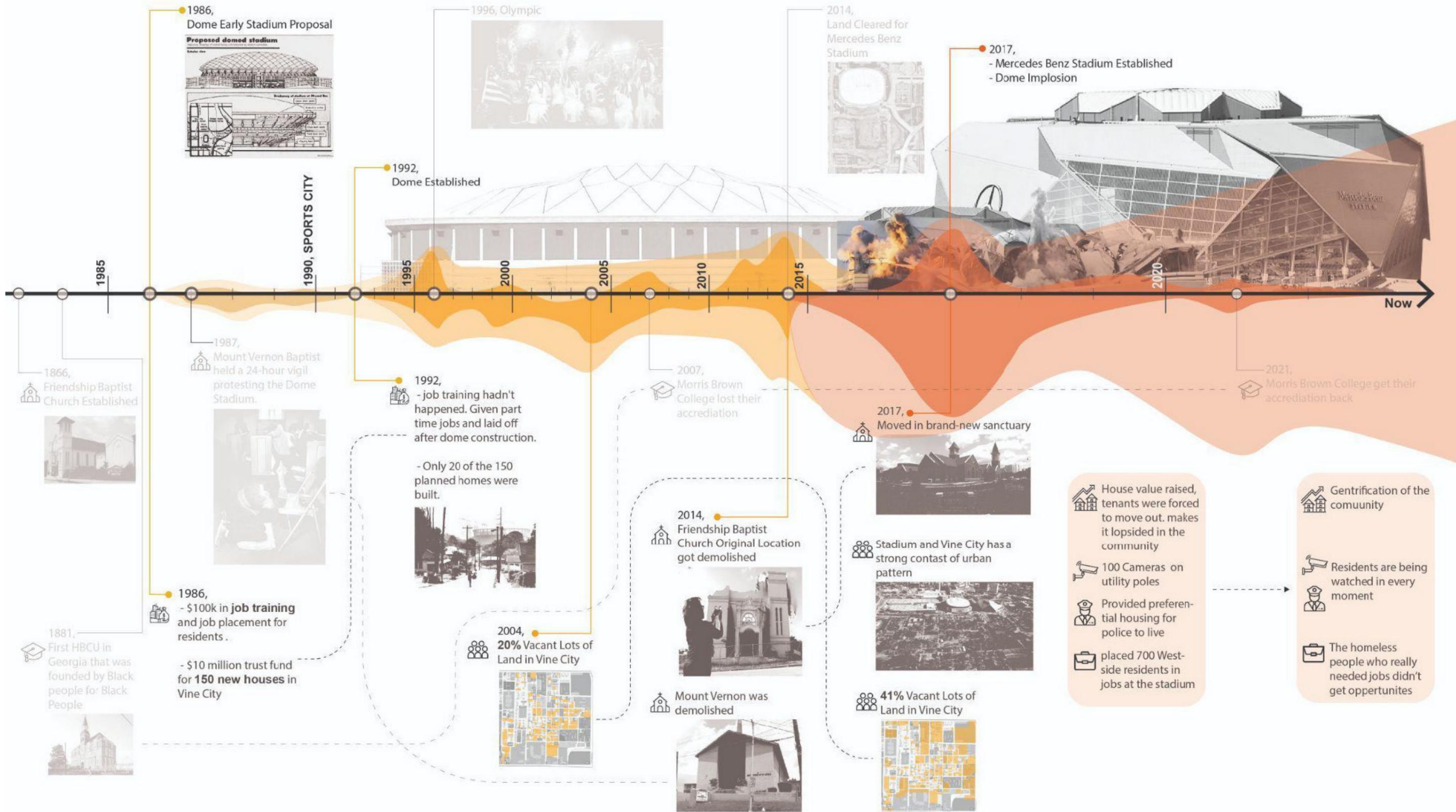
DEFINITION OF PROPERTY

Property is a framework for social, economic, and political rights that are the critical drivers of intergenerational wealth. It is a form of power. Each individual's Social identity is defined by this power hierarchy through property ownership in possession of time and spatial occupation.

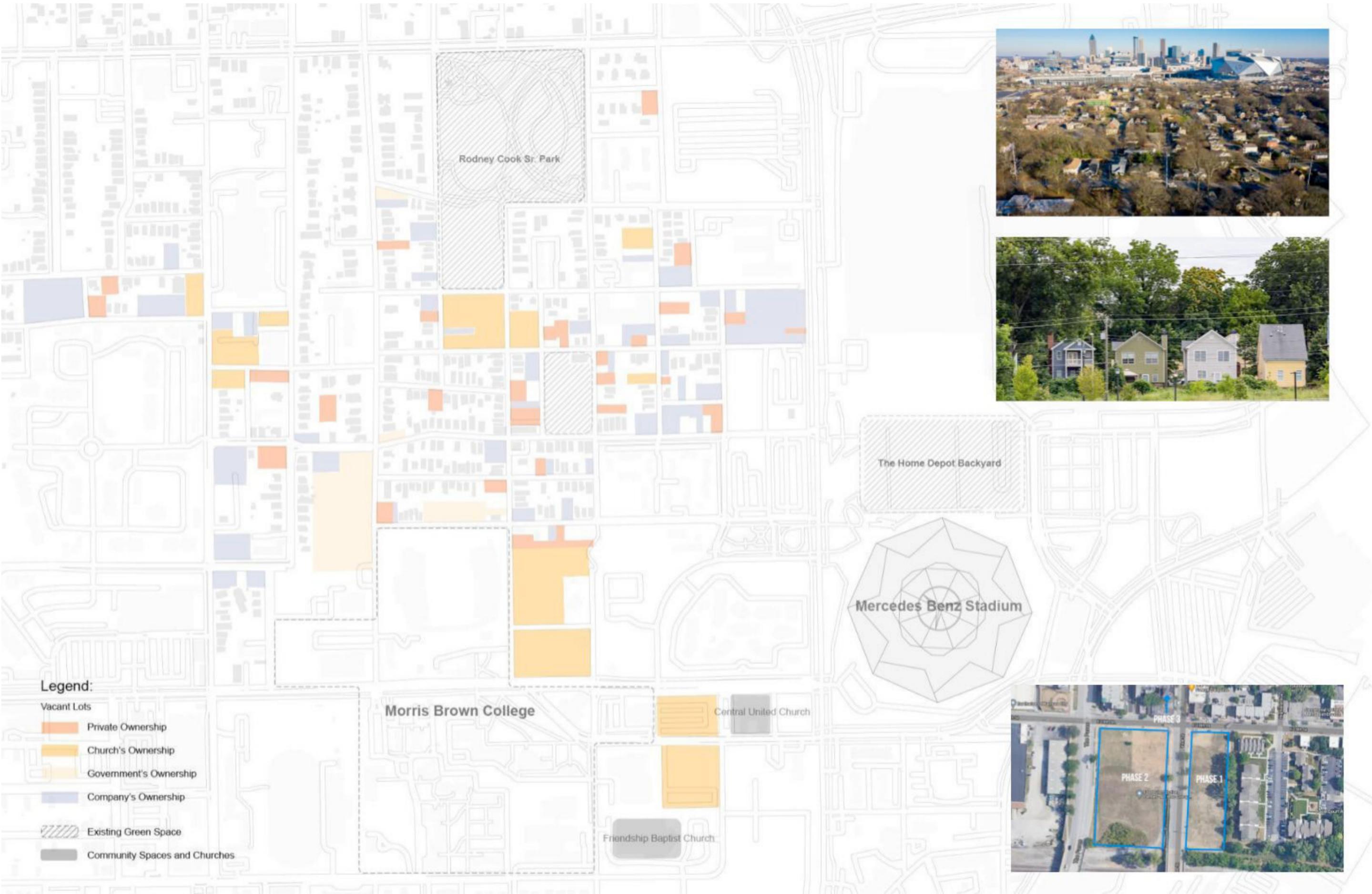
AFTER PROPERTY

Property should not be a vehicle for individualism that translates itself to an investment vehicle and wealth generating commodity. Space is not a zero-sum game where one person's loss is another's gain, nor is it a resource that must be used by only one person at a time. Rather, proprietorship will be annexed by partnership. Against the disposition of property and land speculation caused by mass media and the commodity-economy spectacle.

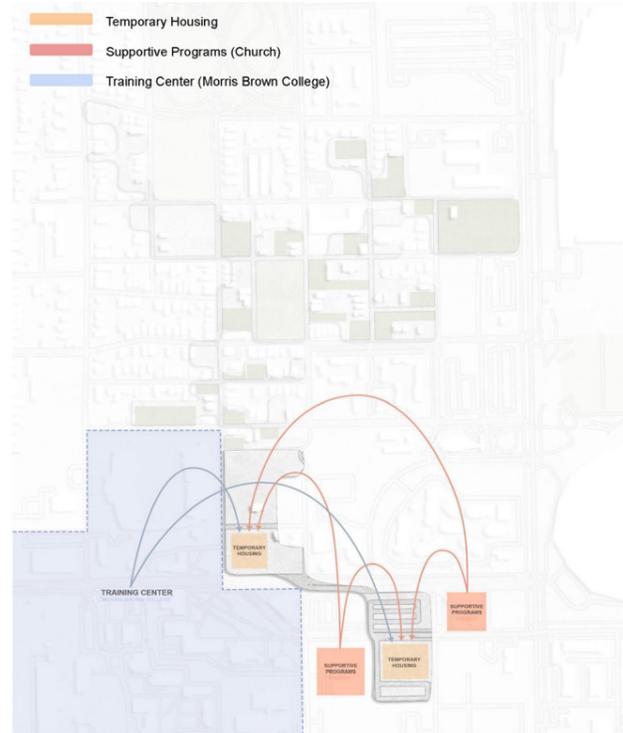
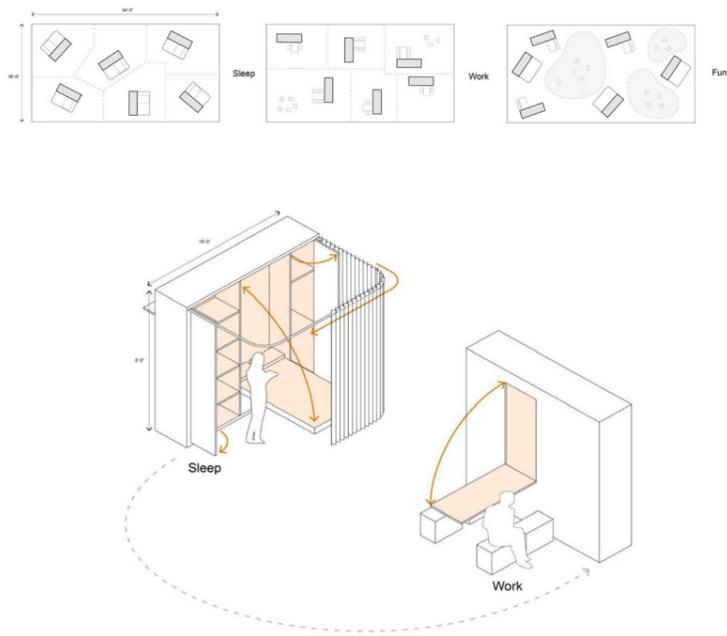




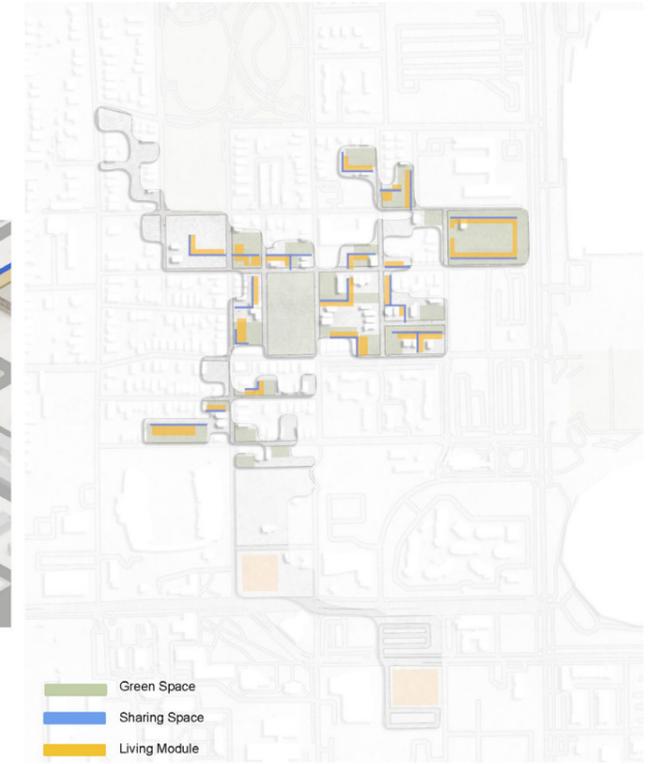
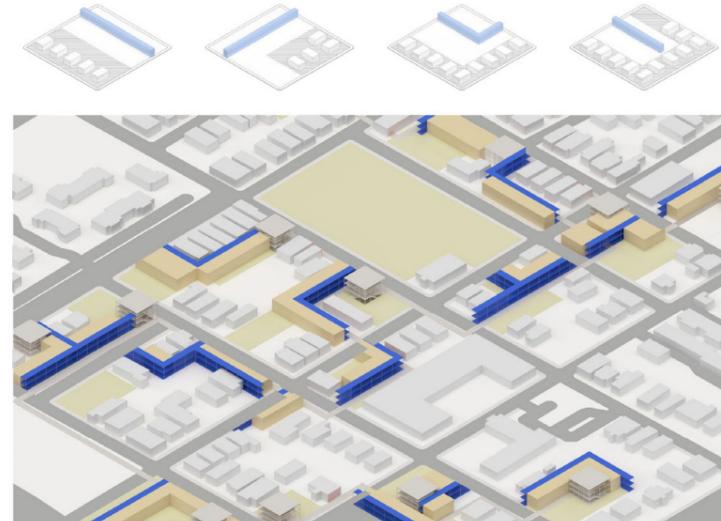
CURRENT VINE CITY CONDISTION



Step 01: Training Program + Temporary Housing



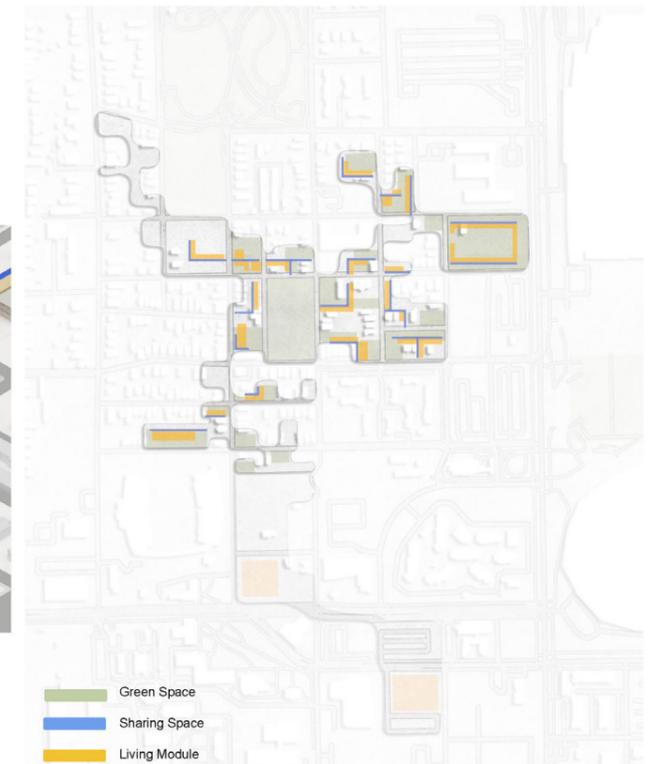
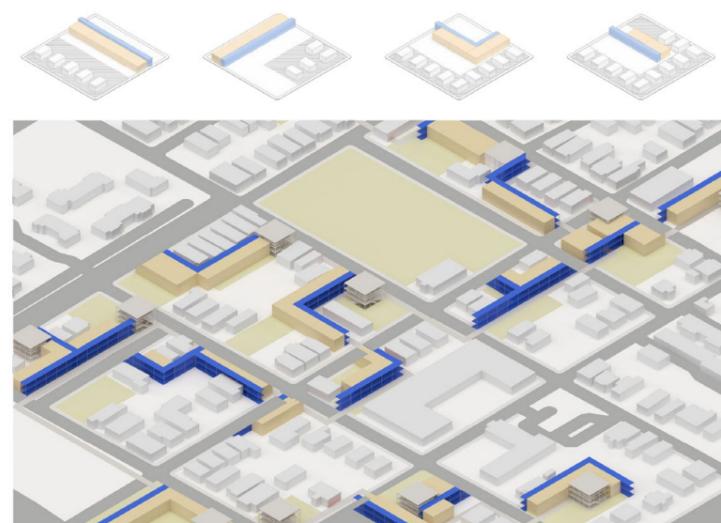
Step 03: Shared Front Porch

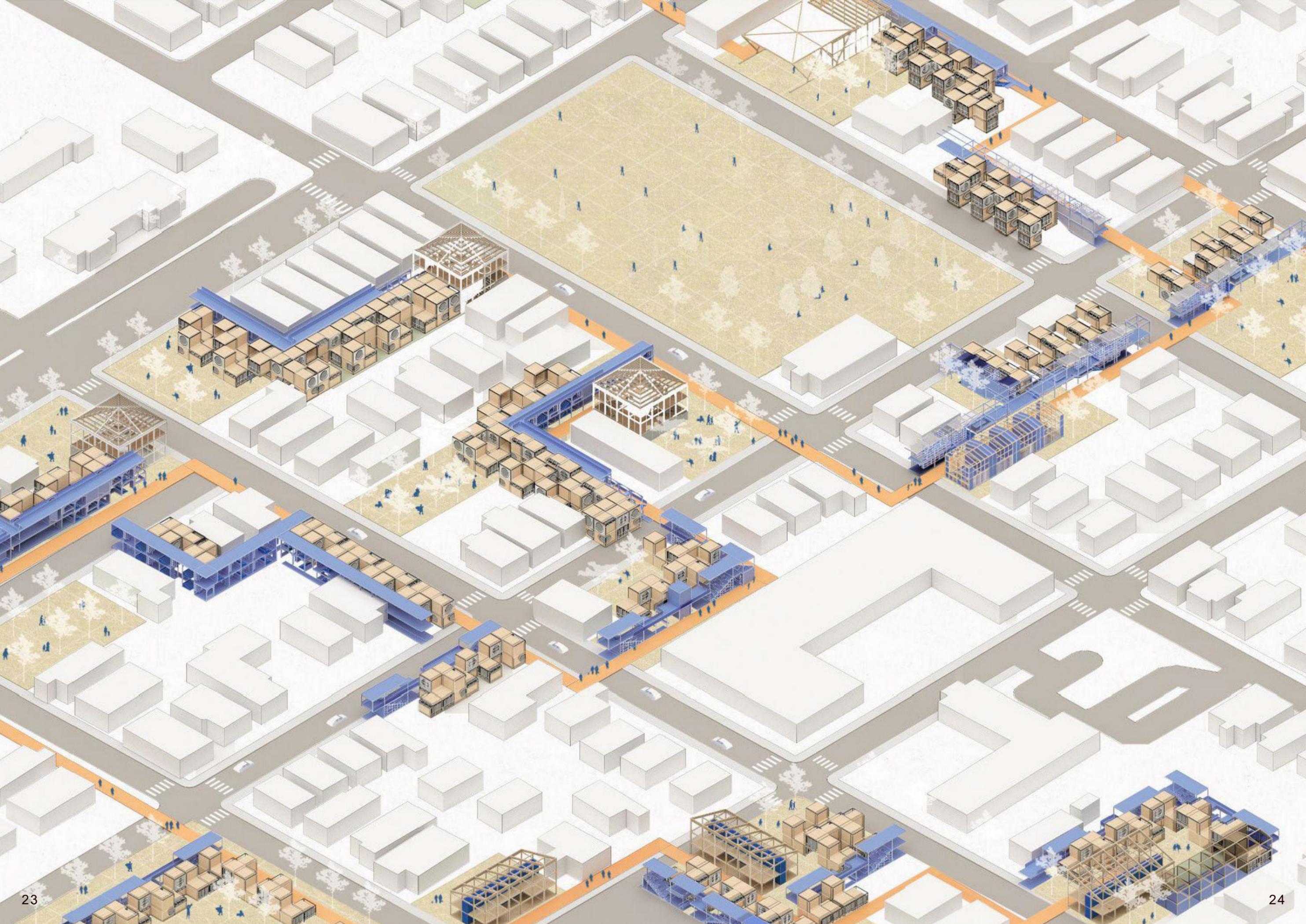


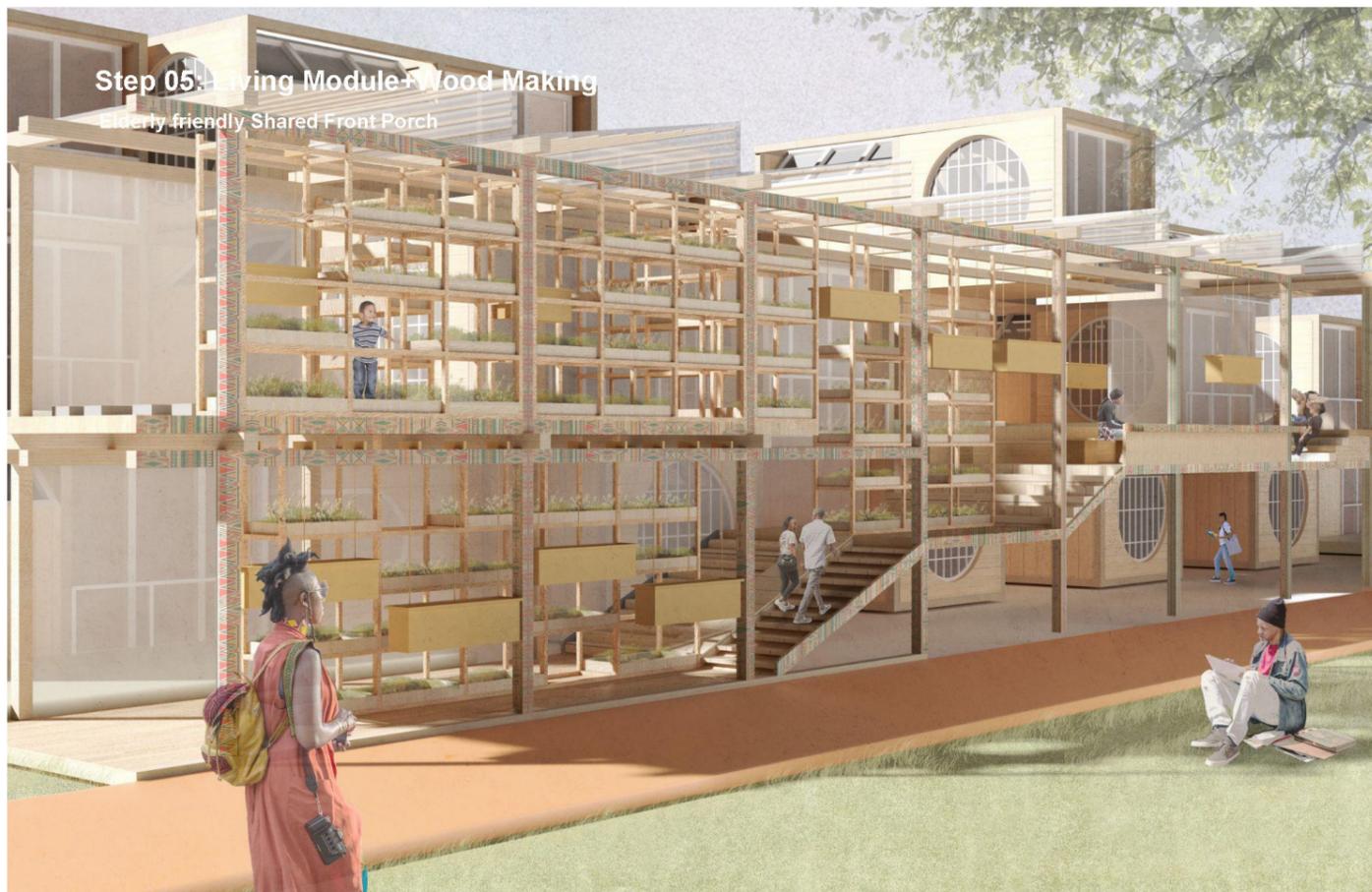
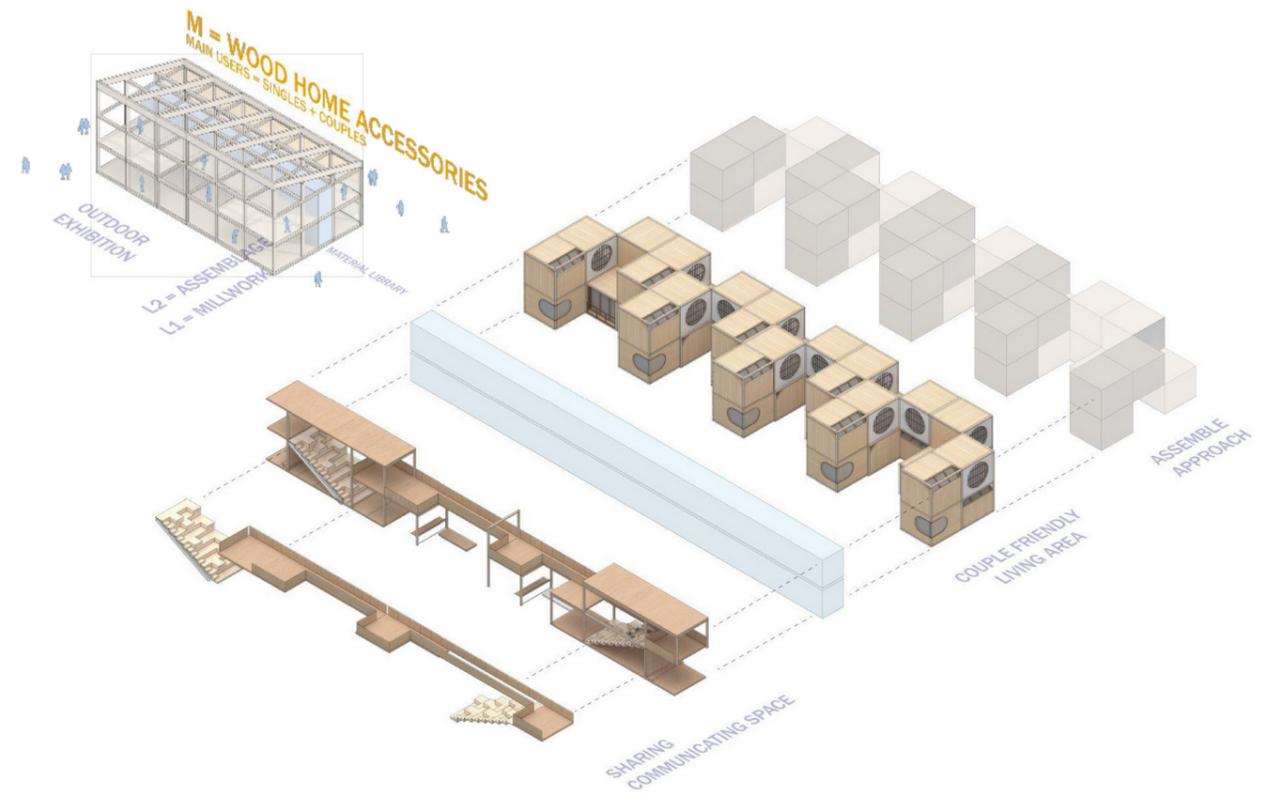
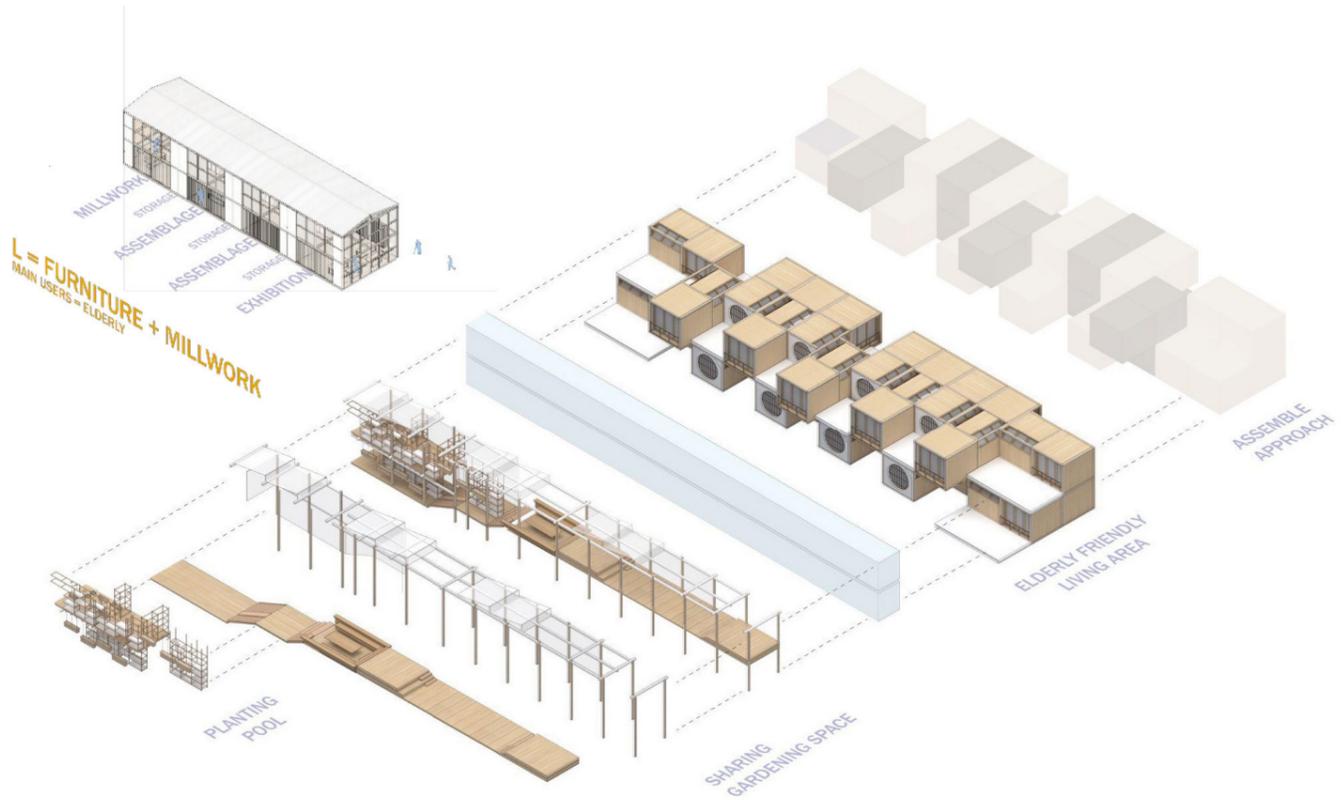
Step 02: Ground Floor Connector+Woodshop

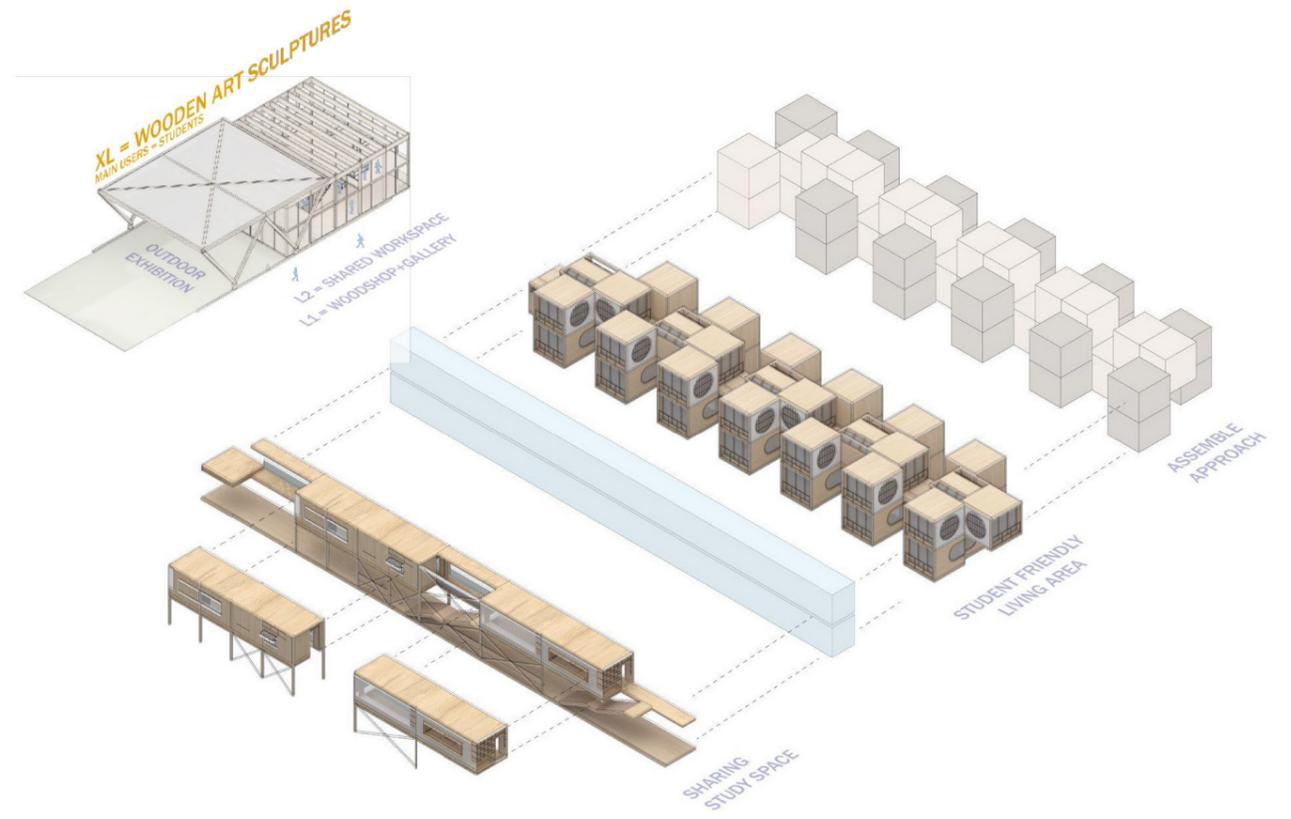
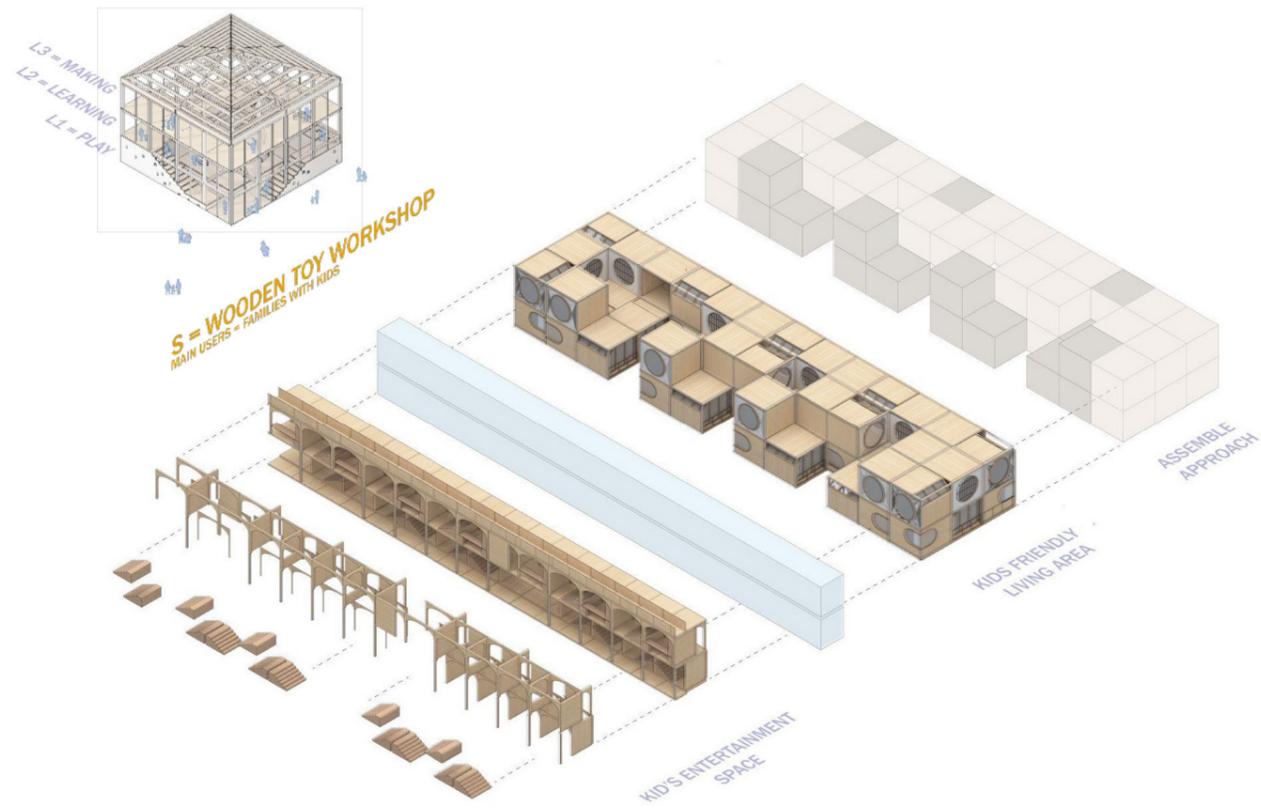


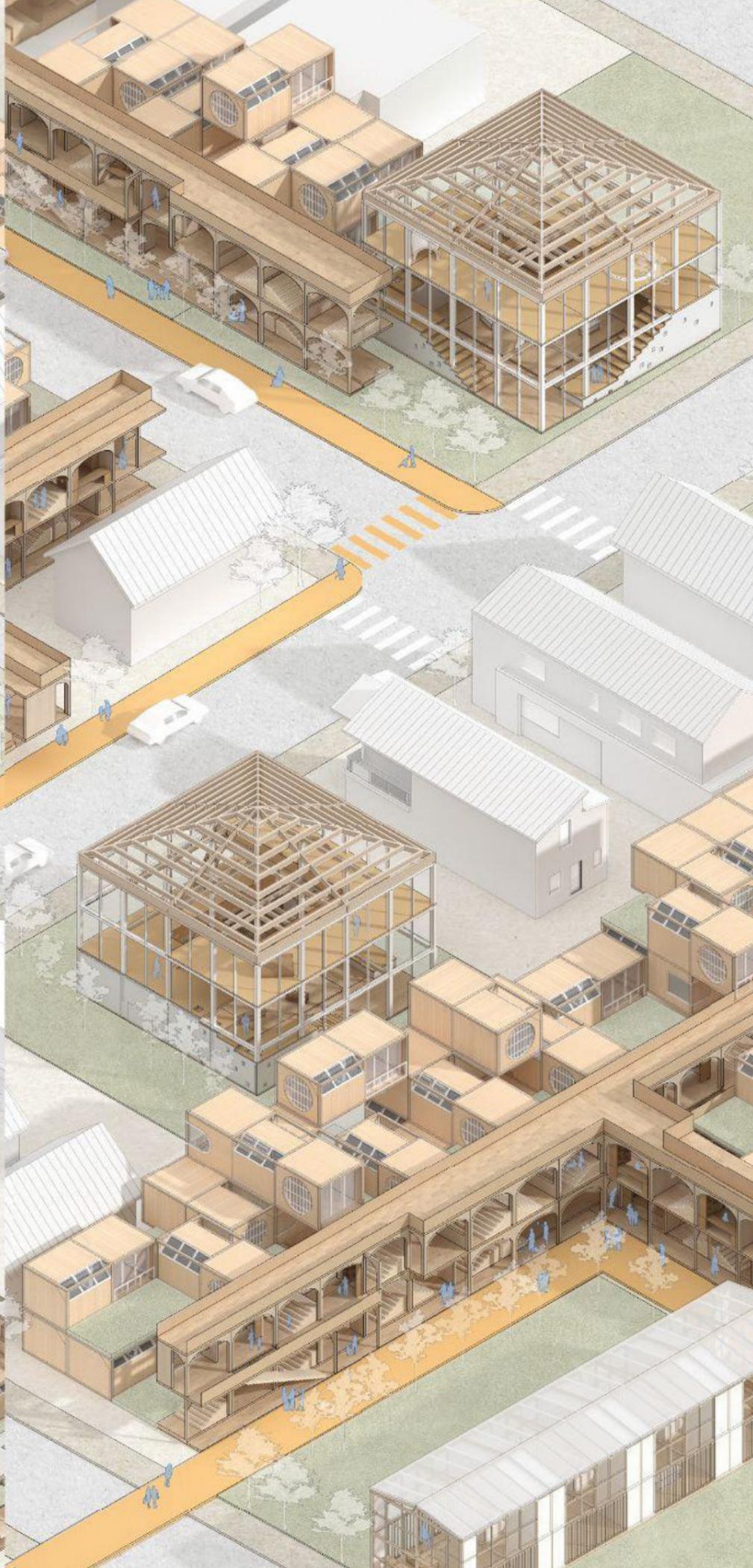
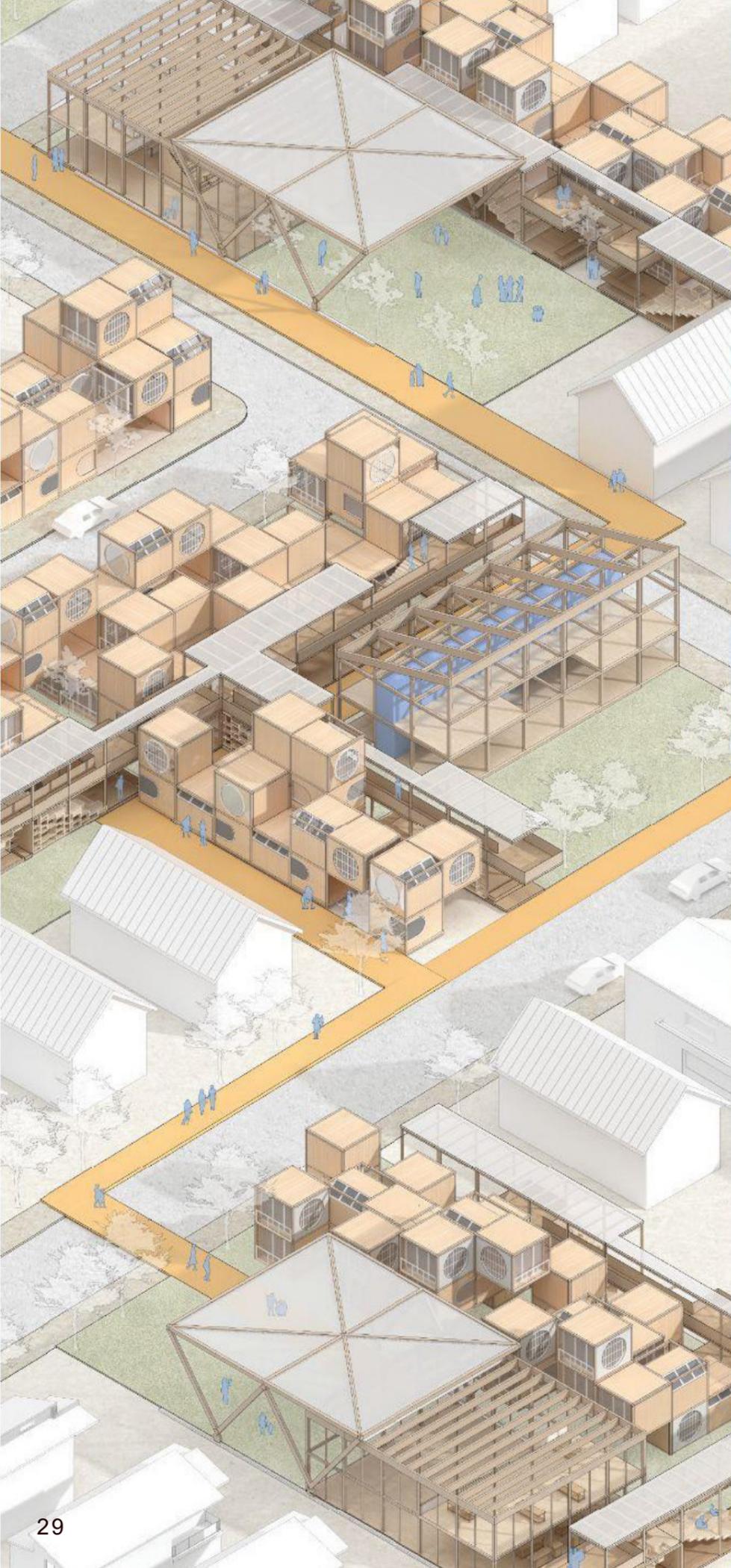
Step 04: Living Module

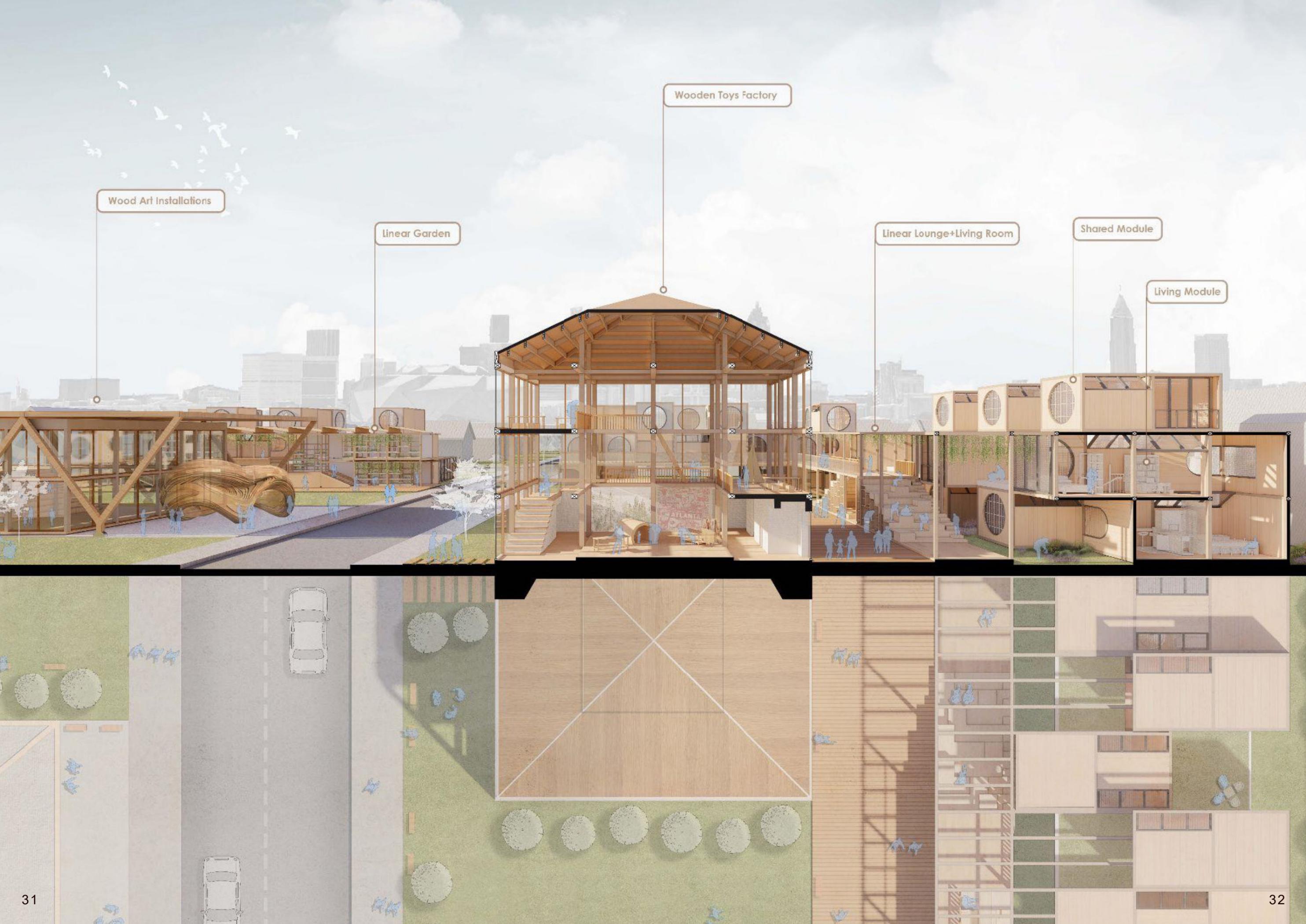












Wood Art Installations

Linear Garden

Wooden Toys Factory

Linear Lounge+Living Room

Shared Module

Living Module

03. 2022 SUMMER-STUDIO I

WATER WORKS IN CARNASIE

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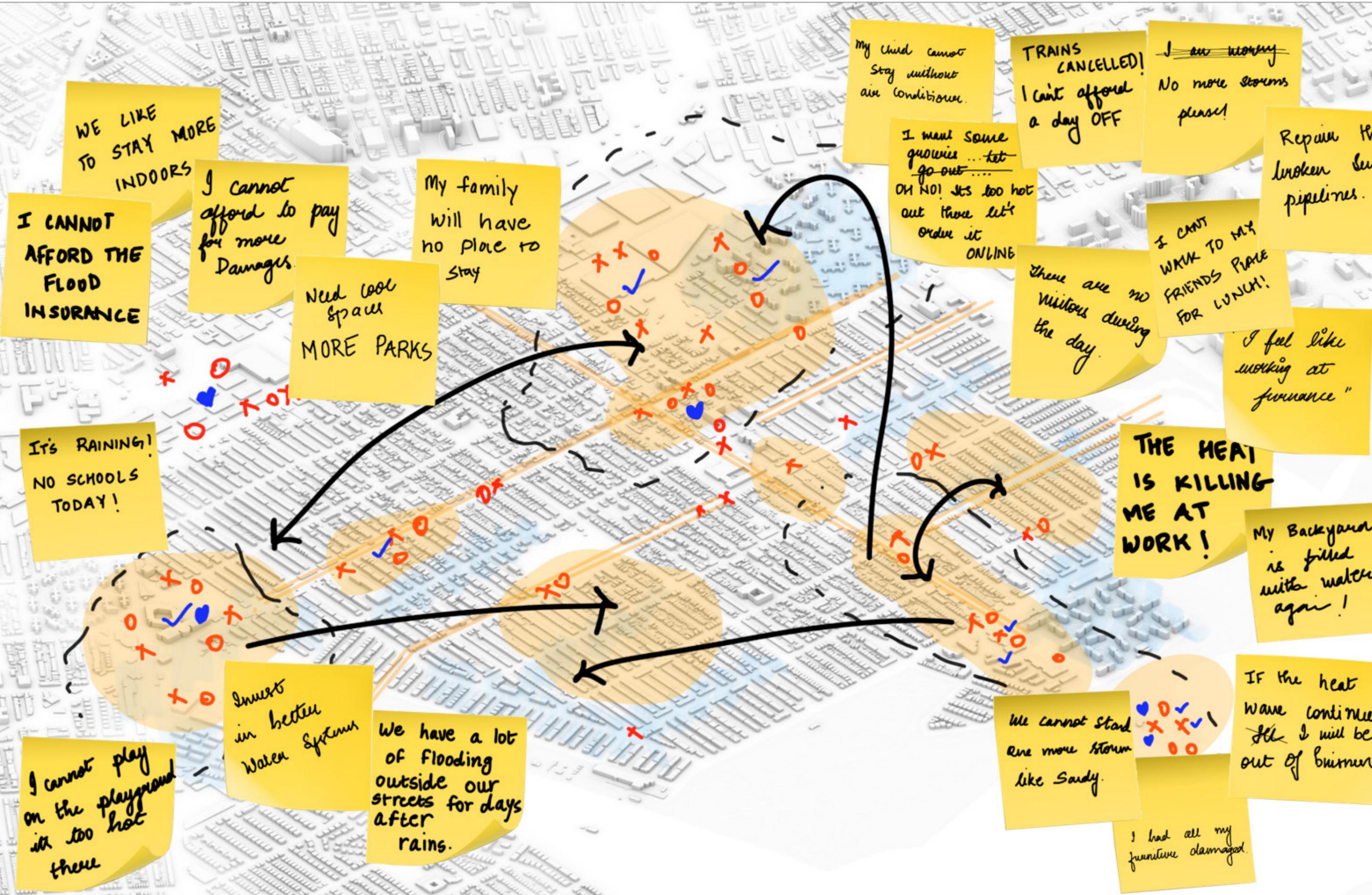
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KEY STATEMENTS

As a group, we share a strong belief that a threat to the community can be mitigated and transformed into a resource. Acknowledging our beliefs and challenges, we as a group have started this initiative to develop a plan, a new multi-dimensional perspective addressing the issues of extreme heat and storm water floods. This relationship is a vital one for the sustaining of an urban context under the umbrella of climate crisis. Through our project we intend to express these strongly held convictions towards solving problems that exist in the urban context

Our approach was to really understand the nature of these two conditions and through our project represent how can they perform efficiently as a confluence/fertilizing system. Hence, we came up with, '[RE] Sourcing Storm water as a Resource'. We look at storm water not just as a resource but in reference to its context as well. This is a water hierarchy diagram that shows how the storm water can be used a resource in various ways.

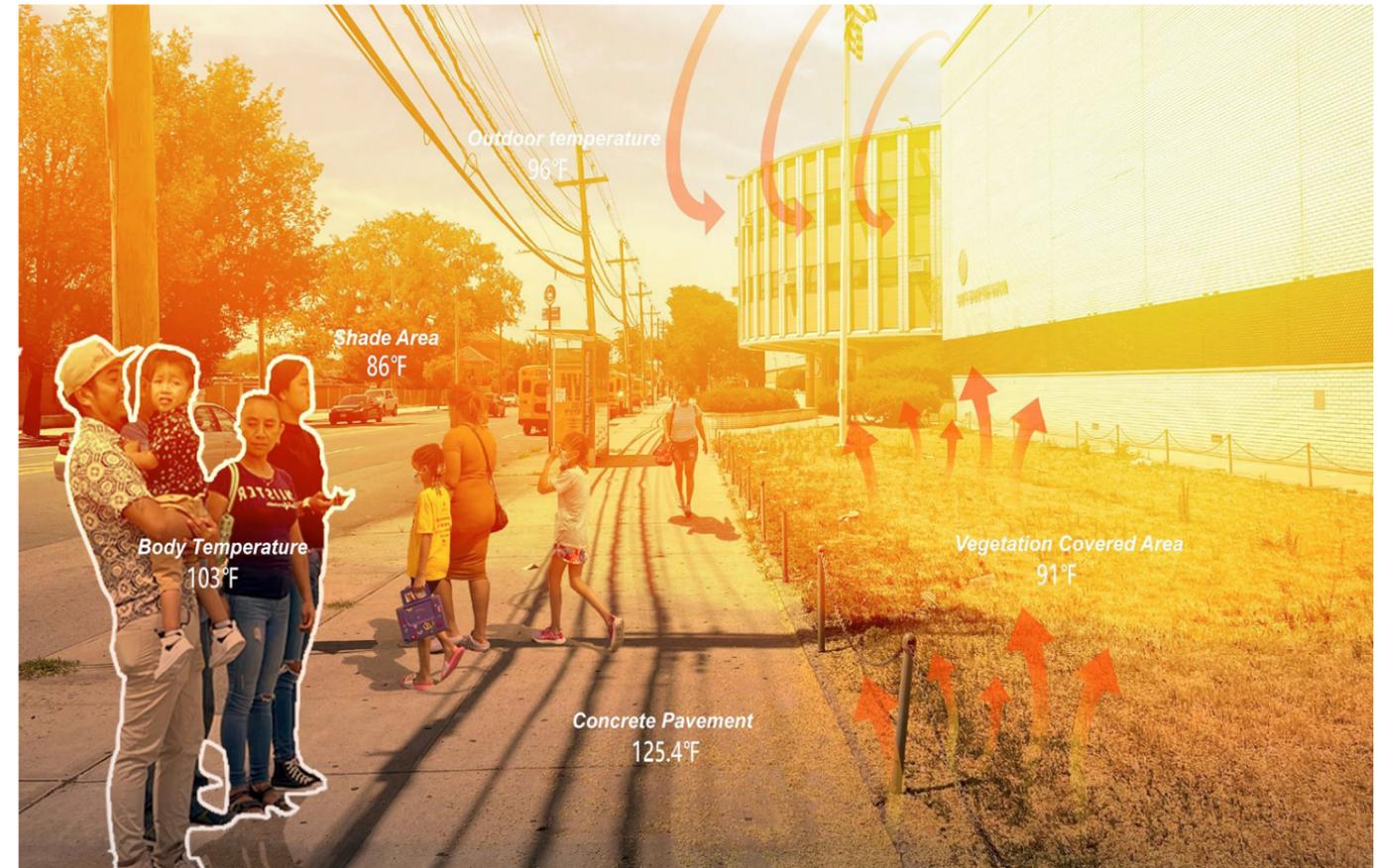




IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF SCHOOL SHED AREA



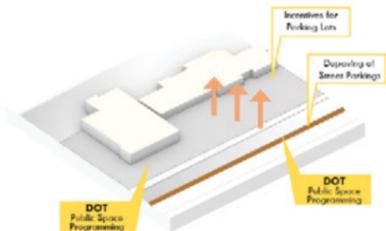
BEFORE



AFTER



Who is Benefited?



Employees around the commercial developments



The Restaurant Owners and People working there

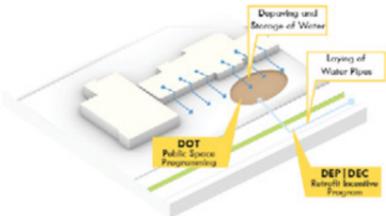


Adult Day Care residents and Caretakers



Children from Child Daycare centre

Who is the Stakeholder?



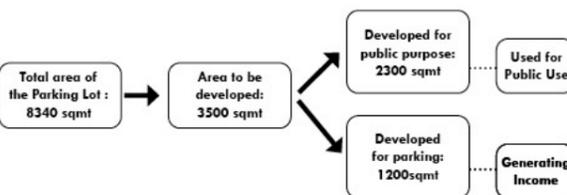
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NYC Department of Environmental Protection



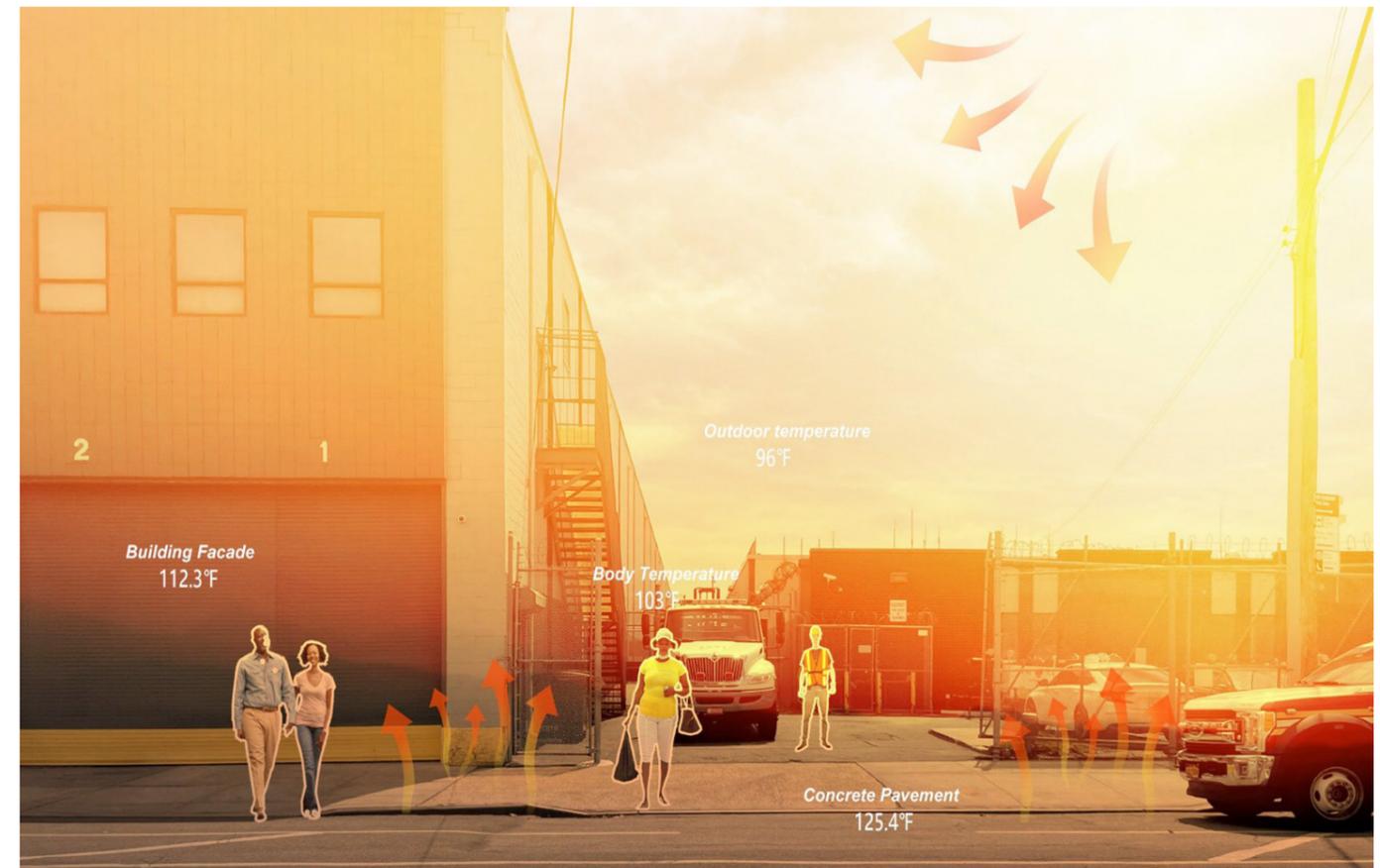
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IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF INDUSTRY SHED AREA



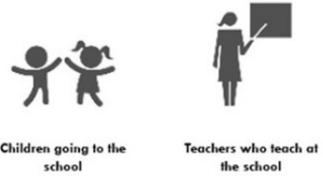
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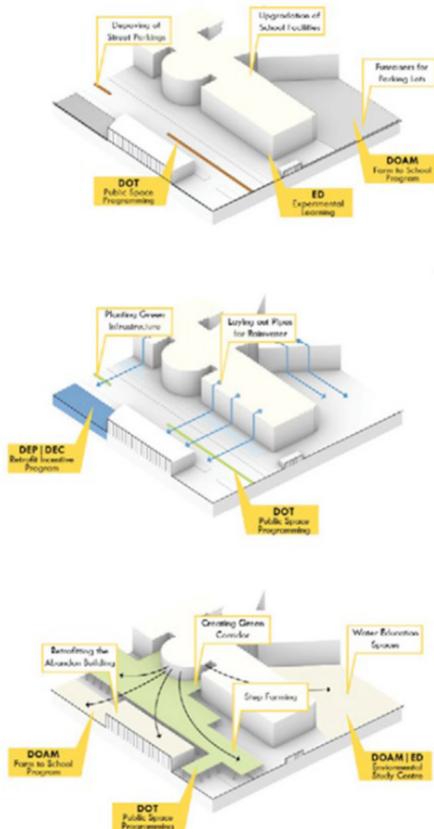
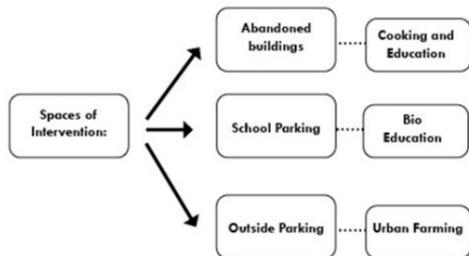
AFTER



Who is Benifited?



Who is the Stakeholder?



04 RECOMBINANT URBANISM

Post-Olympic Restructured Cities

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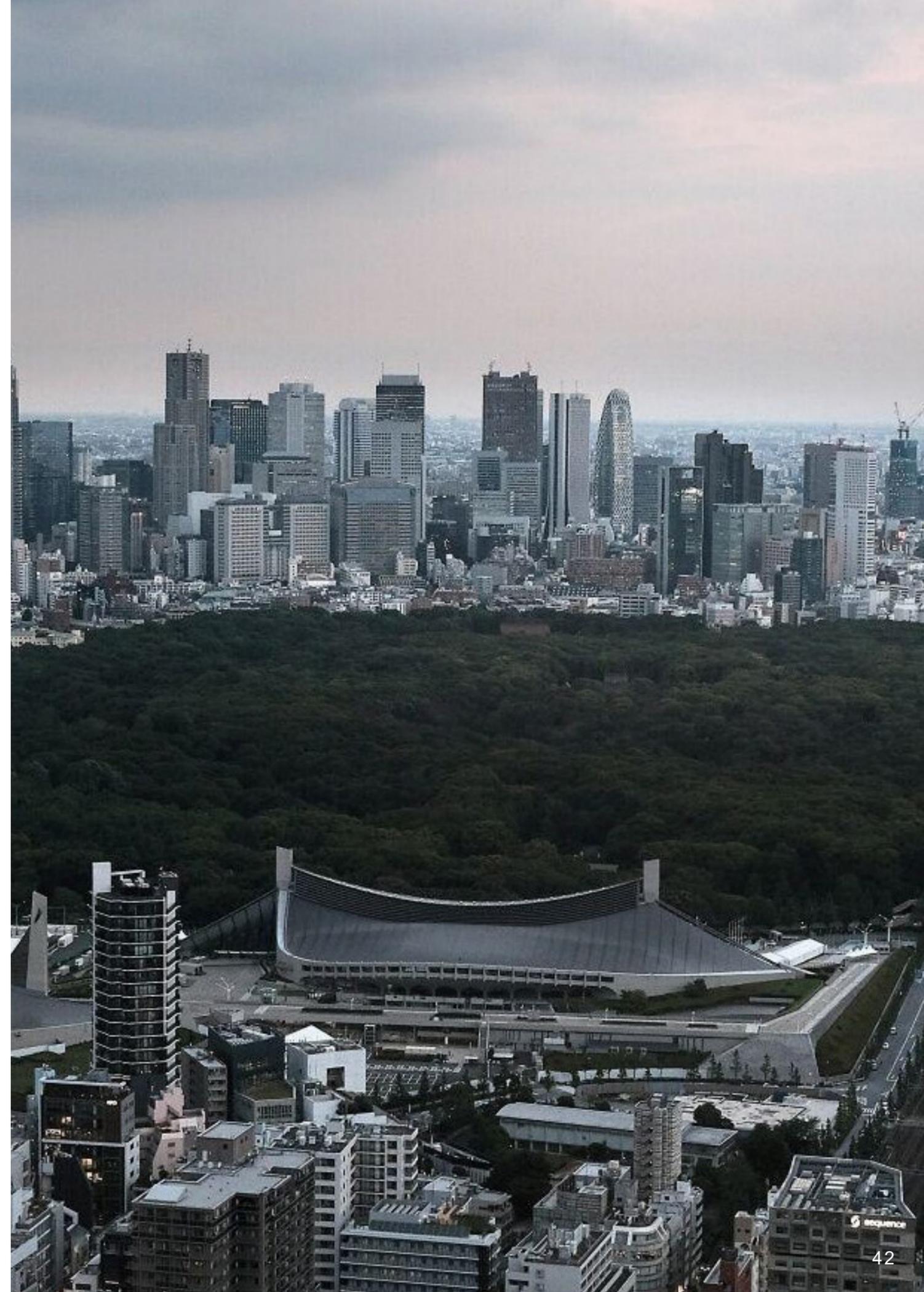
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David Grahame Shane

KEY STATEMENTS

The 1964 Olympics were a rare chance for officials to implement the kind of rapid, sweeping changes that would disrupt lives and require cultural sacrifices. Visitors found not a war-scarred city but a modernizing metropolis, with state-of-the-art transportation whizzing between an upgraded airport and smart new hotels. More than that, the enormous footprint of military facilities in Tokyo's southwest became the city's new economic and cultural center—emblems of a peaceful, prosperous future.

Around the transformation of Tokyo's urban transportation after the first Olympic Games, many urban renewal projects were built around Shinjuku Station and Shibuya Station. This project wants to research the spatial conversion relationship among them using terminology of enclave, heterotopia, and armature.





Archi Citta

- 1603 ○ Edo period begins. Fishing village around Tokyo bay.
- 1657 ○ Major fire in Edo claims over 100,000 lives
- 1718 ○ Firefighting organizations established.
- 1721 ○ First population census conducted (Edo's population about 1.3 million).
- 1868 ○ New Meiji government established. Meiji era begins. Edo renamed Tokyo and becomes a prefecture.
- 1872 ○ First railway line opens between Shimbashi (Tokyo) and Yokohama.
- 1889 ○ Constitution of the Empire of Japan promulgated. Tokyo City and 15 wards established.
- 1914 ○ World War I begins (ends 1918). Red brick and tile Tokyo Station completed.



Cine Citta

- 1923 ○ Great Kantō quake - devastates the city and turns it into a sea of fire
- 1925 ○ Radio Broadcasting services launched
- 1927 ○ First subway line opens between Asakusa and Ueno
- 1931 ○ Tokyo airport opens in Haneda
- 1940 ○ City underwent a merger bringing all the towns into the proper city. Expansion of the artificial Tokyo harbour
- 1941 ○ Port of Tokyo opens
- 1942 ○ World War II - city of Tokyo is completely destroyed in air raids
- 1950 ○ After the war, the rebuilding of the city began to center on Tokyo
- 1953 ○ Television broadcasting services launched



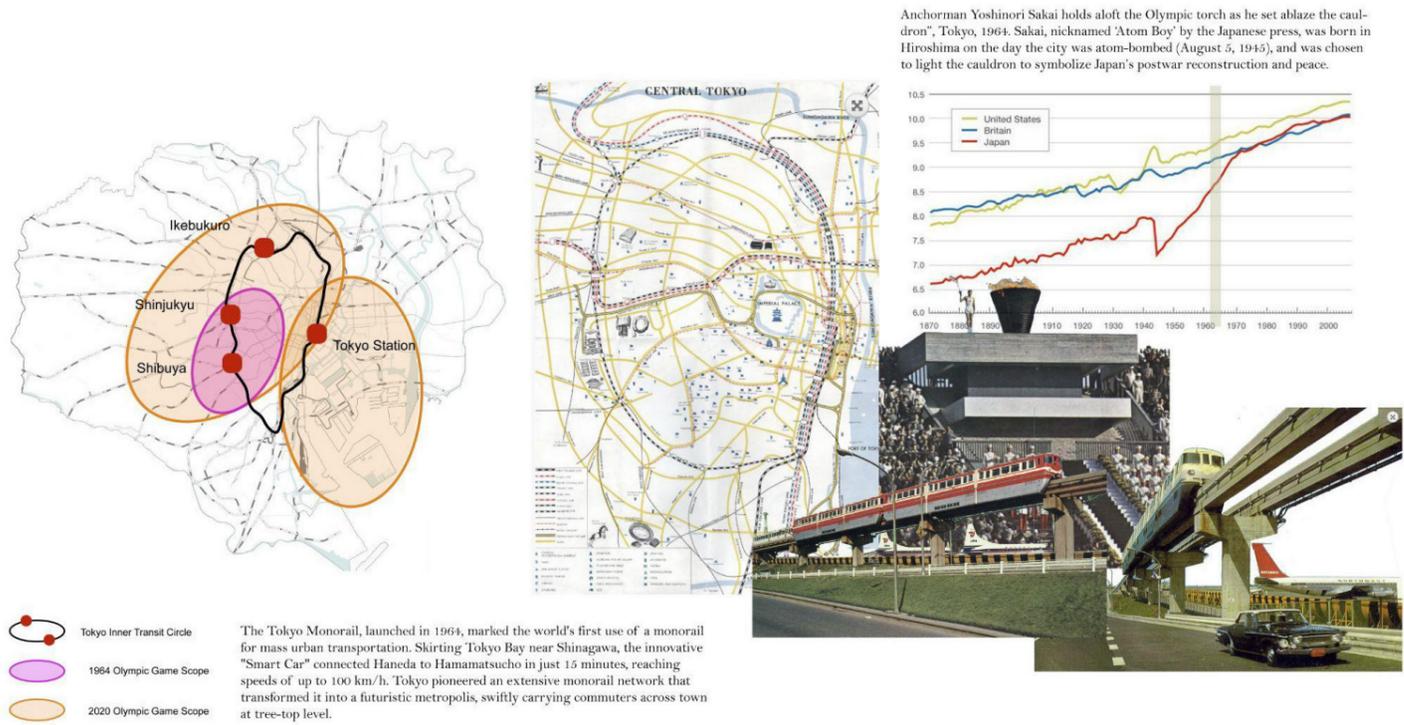
Telle Citta

- 1960 ○ Kenzo Tange's Bay Plan aimed to address the challenges of urban sprawl faced by industrial cities.
- 1962 ○ Tokyo's population reaches 10 million. Start of high economic growth period
- 1964 ○ Olympic Games held in Tokyo
- 1968 ○ Ogasawara Islands returned to Japan.
- 1973 ○ Oil crisis occurs
- 1979 ○ Fifth G7 Economic Summit Meeting held in Tokyo. Shunichi Suzuki elected Governor
- 1982 ○ Long-Term Plan for the Tokyo Metropolis announced
- 1991 ○ Tokyo Metropolitan Government Buildings move to Shinjuku from Marunouchi

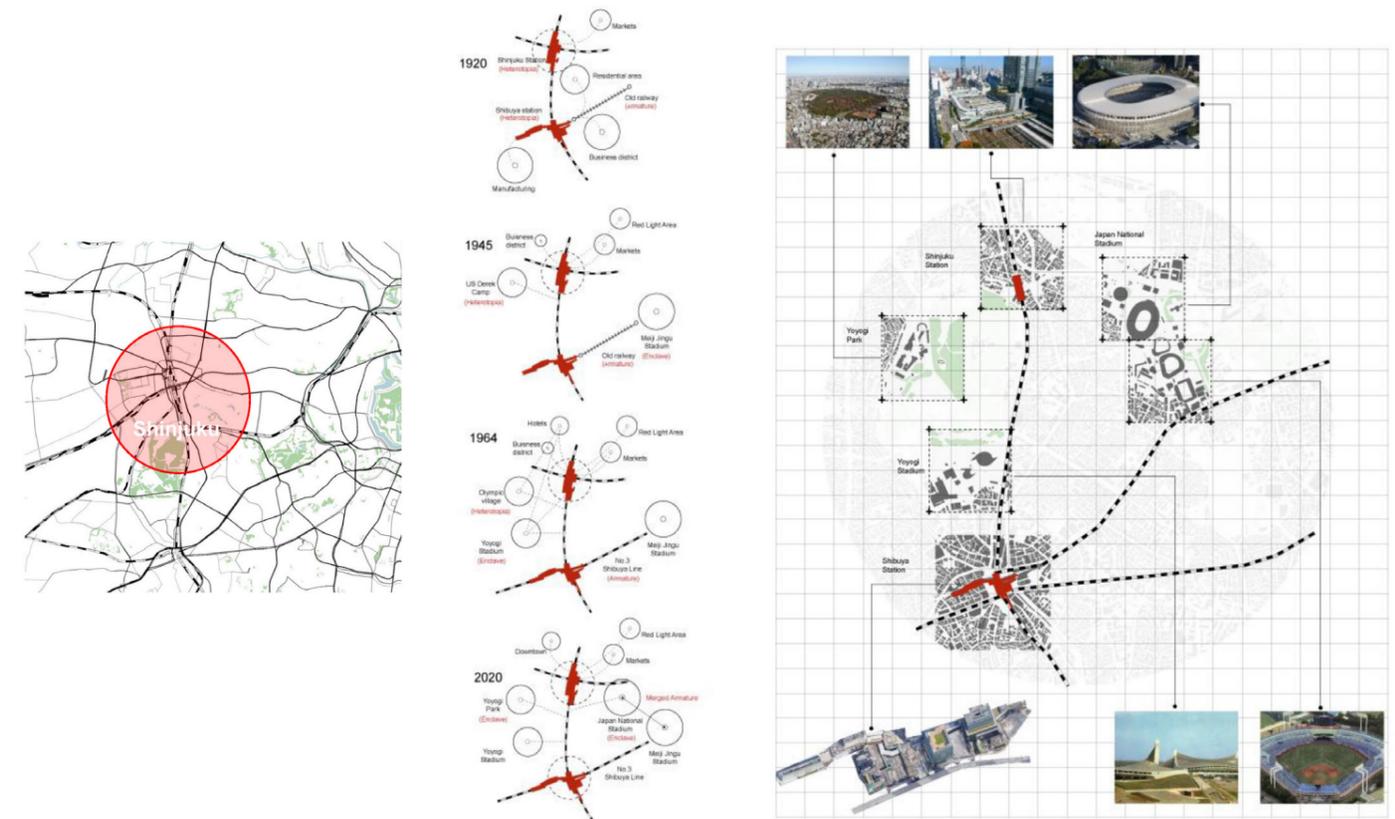
Meta City

- 1993 ○ Rainbow bridge opened - one of the world's largest natural bridges
- 2010 ○ Haneda airport puts new runway and international terminal into service
- 2011 ○ Tokyo vision 2020 formulated
- 2012 ○ Tokyo Gatebridge and Tokyo Skytree opens
- 2013 ○ Tokyo selected to host the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- 2015 ○ Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway Central Circular Route fully open to traffic
- 2020 ○ More than 37.393 million residents - one of the few cities to become a meta-city
- 2021 ○ The 2020 Olympics shifted due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2023 ○ The world's first 'ESG' city to be completed by 2050

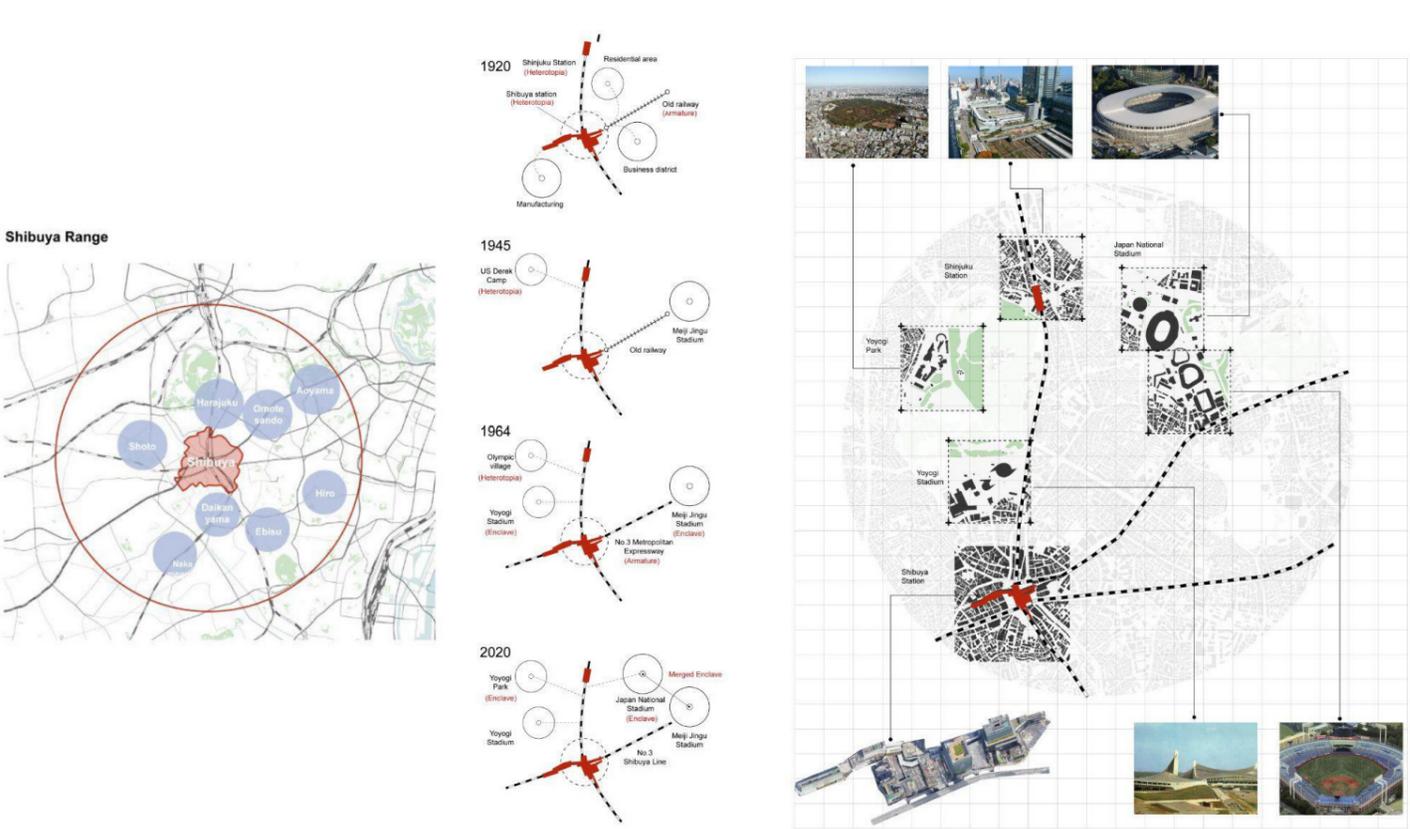
OLYMPIC STIMULUS: BOOSTING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE



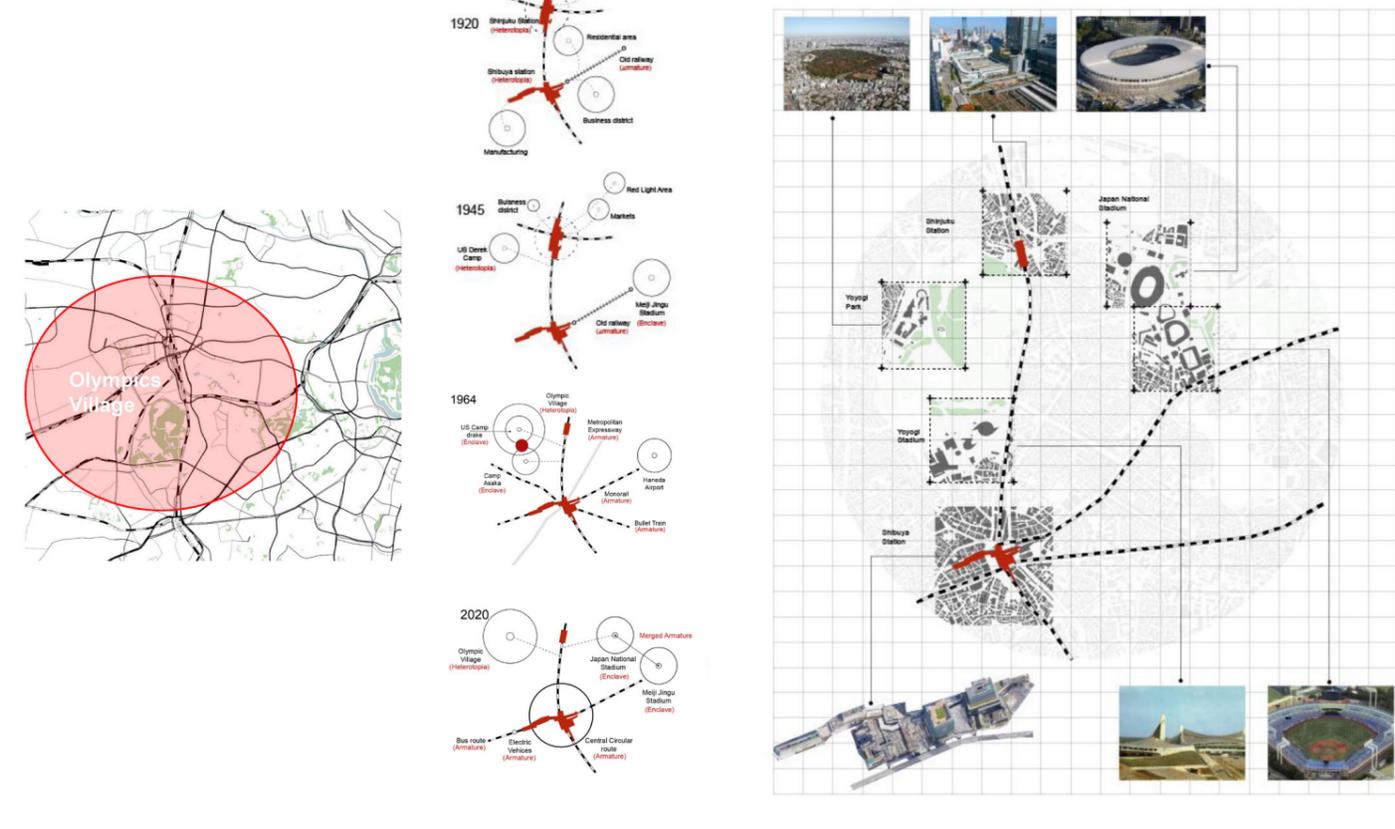
SHINJUKU DEVELOPMENT AND OLYMPIC 1920-2020

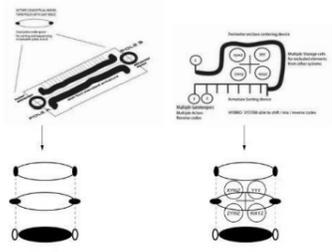


SHIBUYA DEVELOPMENT AND OLYMPIC 1920-2020

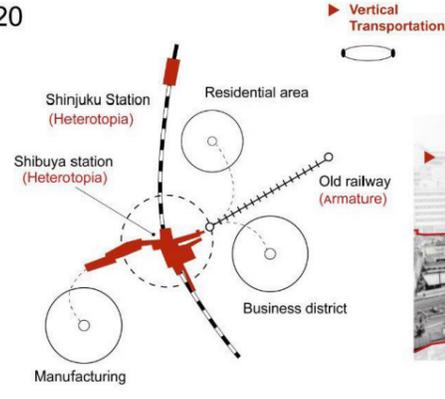


OLYMPICS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AND OLYMPIC 1920-2020

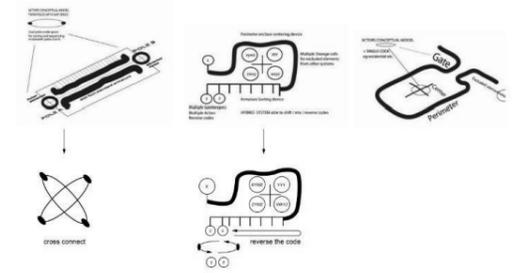
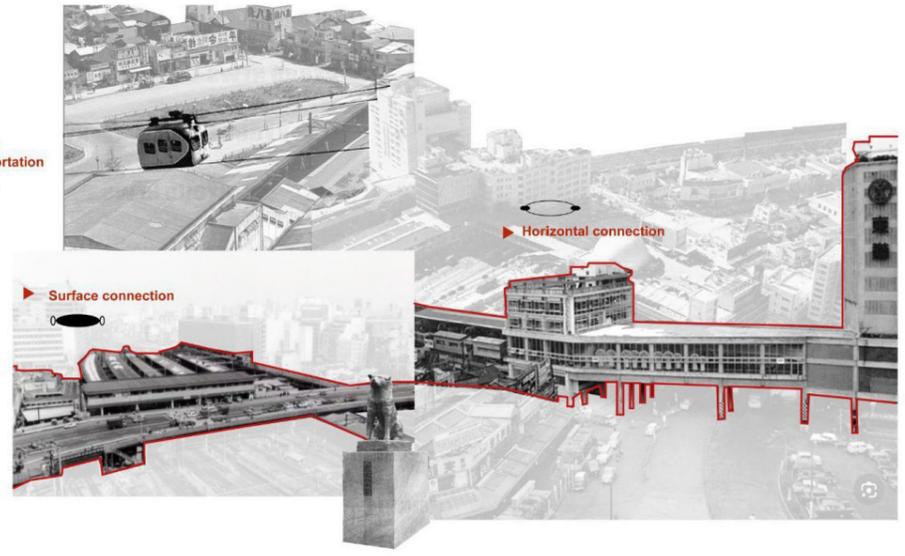




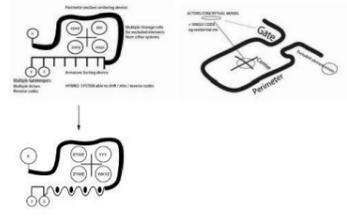
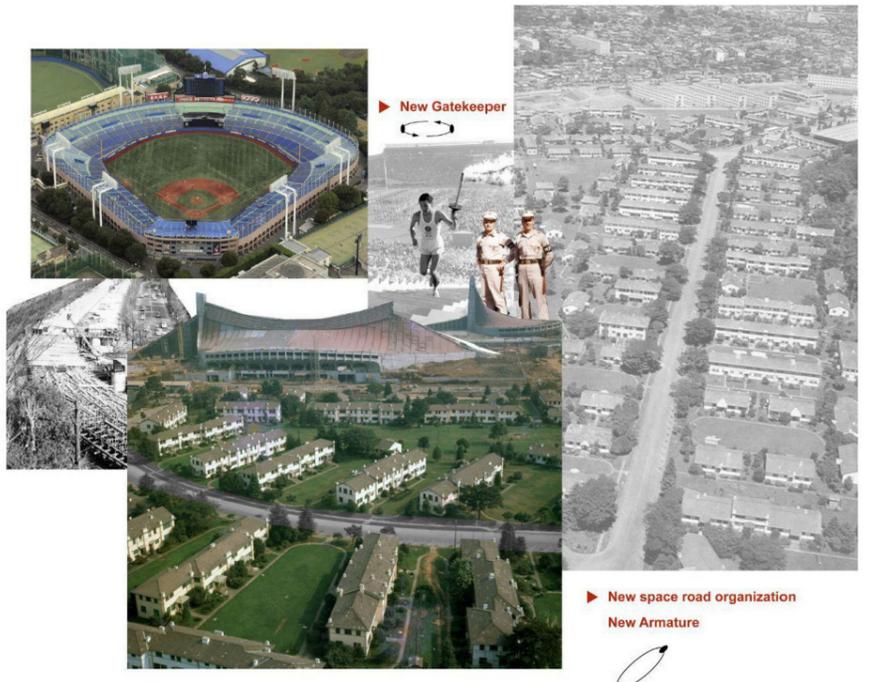
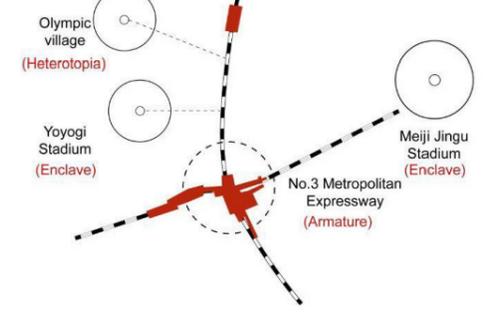
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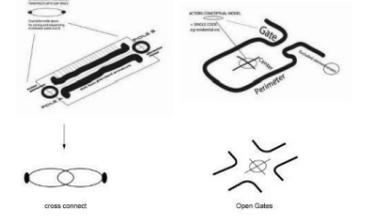
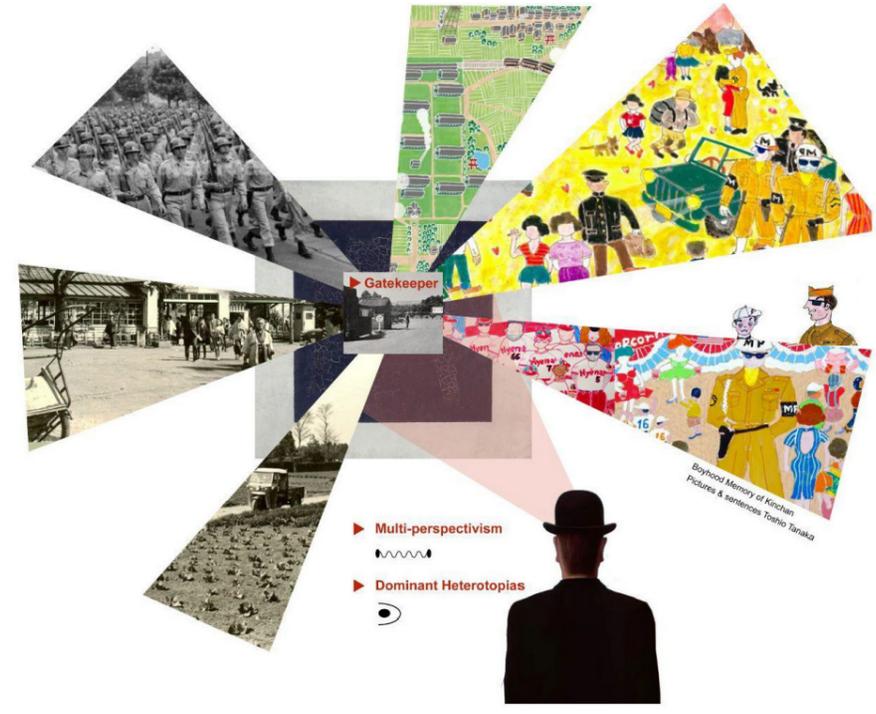
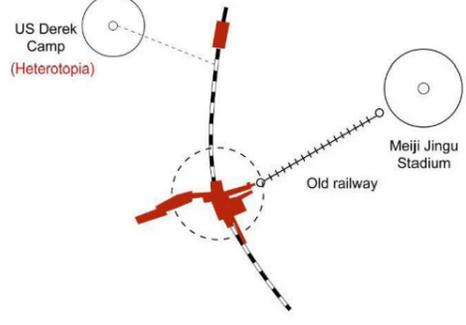
Vertical Transportation



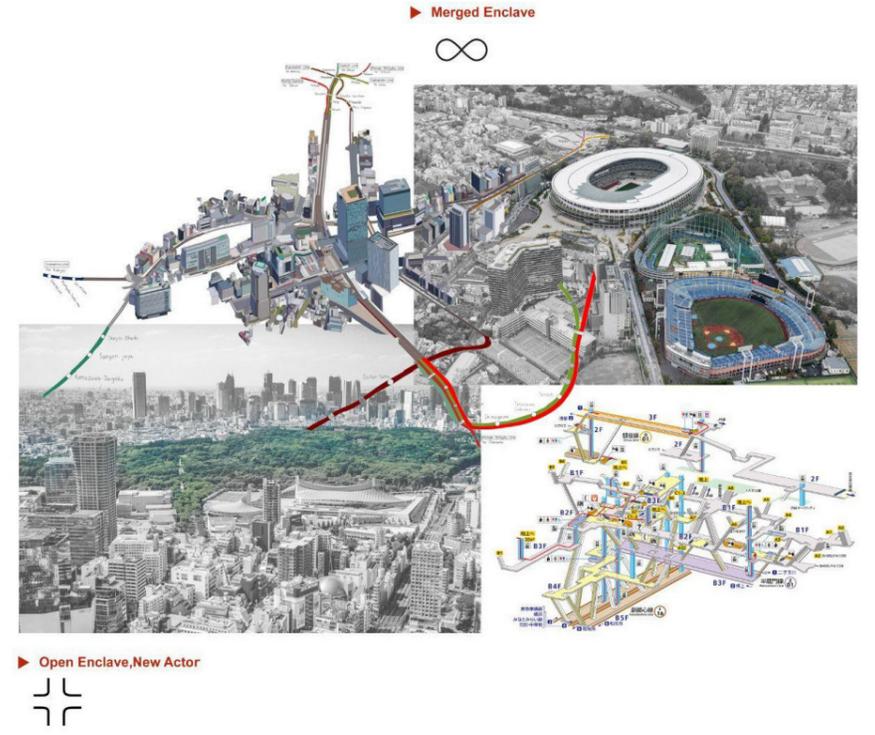
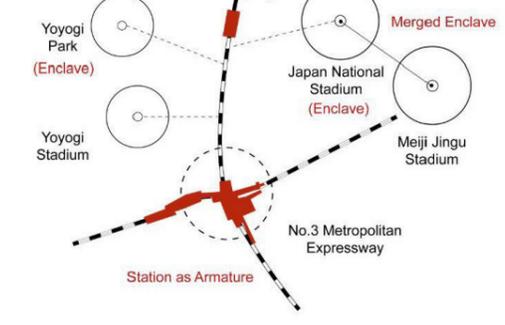
1964



1945



2020



05 CONFLICT URBANISM

FIVE CITIES, GLOBAL SOUTH

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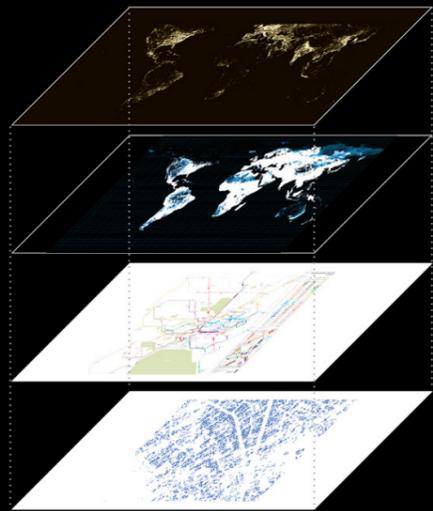
Laura Kurgan

KEY STATEMENTS

this project seeks to challenge the conventional use of night light imagery by integrating other sources of datasets to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the lives and infrastructure behind nighttime activities. Specifically, the project aims to compare nighttime light satellite imagery with informal mobility network datasets, census grid counts, and building footprint datasets produced by governments and researchers worldwide. By examining the relationship between the built environment, infrastructure, and human settlement at the scale of satellite imagery, the project aims to challenge existing assumptions about the geographies of belonging and infrastructure exclusion.



DATA SOURCE



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Nighttime Light Satellite Imagery

(Dataset: NASA VIIRS Night-time Lights)

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Gridded Population Density

(Dataset: UN WPP-Adjusted Population Density)

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Informal Bus Transit System

(Dataset: DATUM)

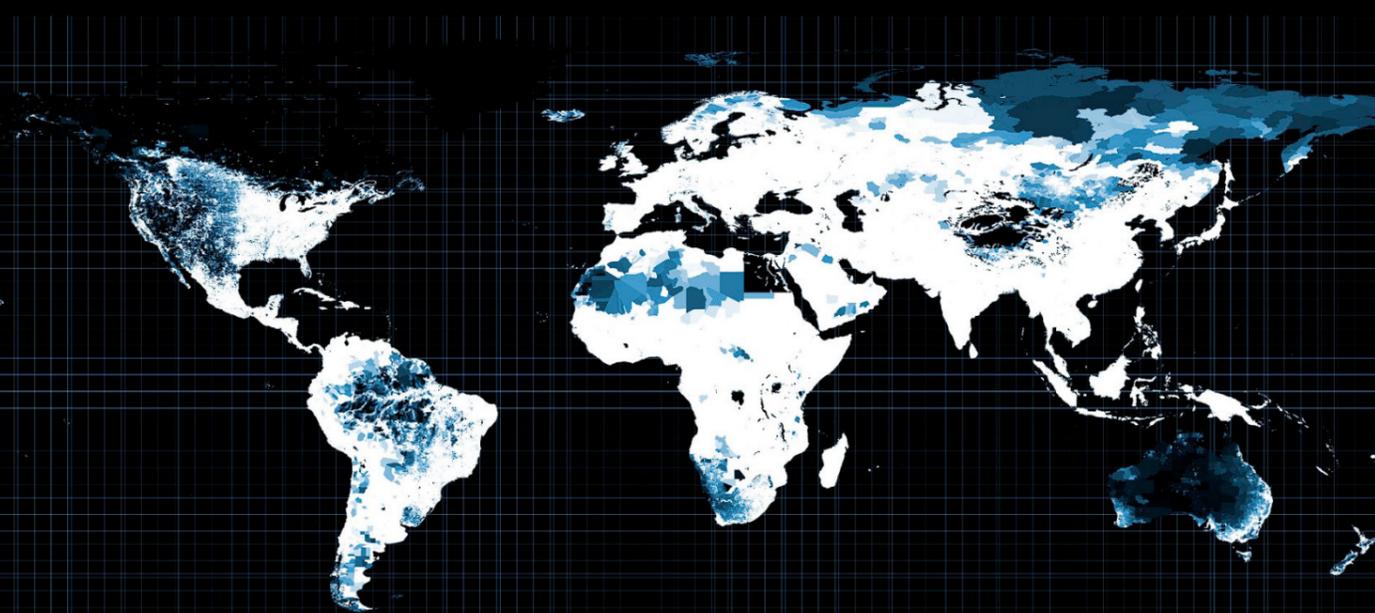
Building Footprints

(Dataset: Microsoft Building Footprint / Google Open Buildings)

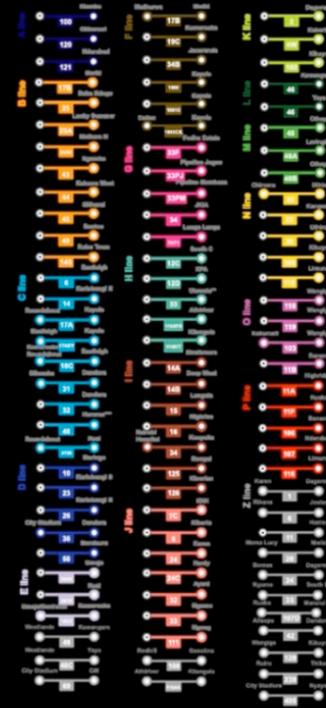
Layer 1: Night-time Light Satellite Imagery



Layer 2: Gridded Population Density

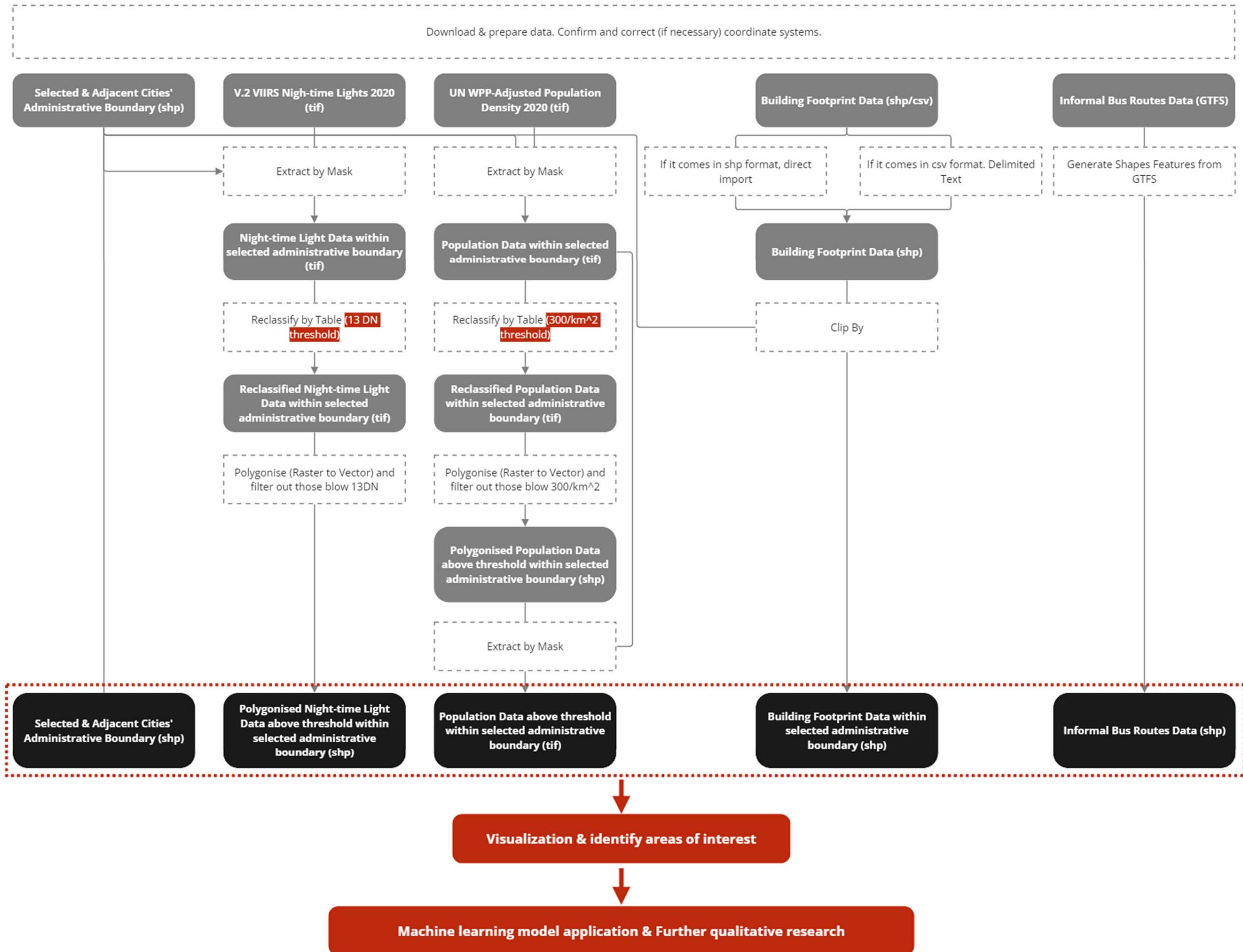


Layer 3: Informal Bus Transit System



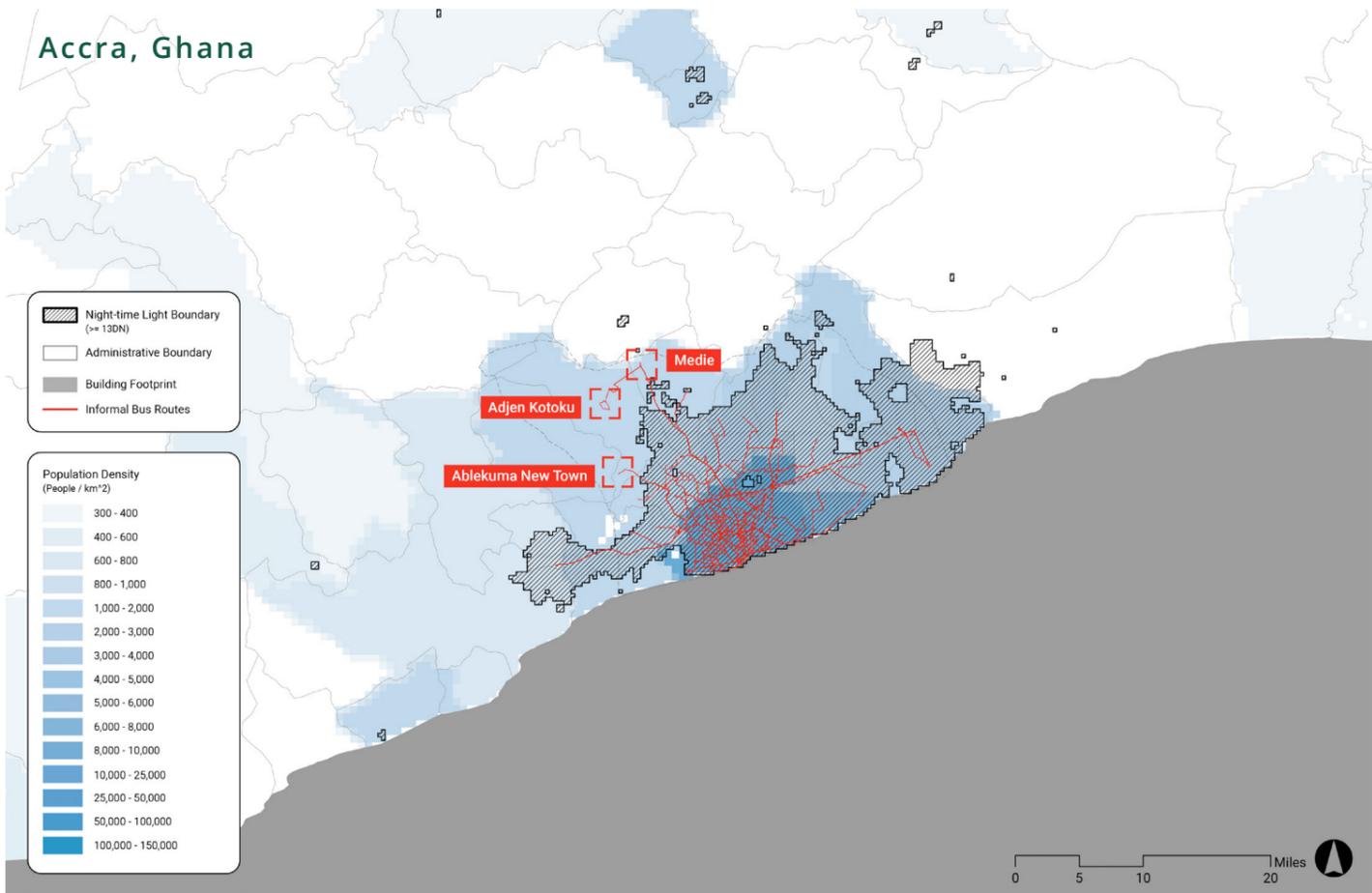
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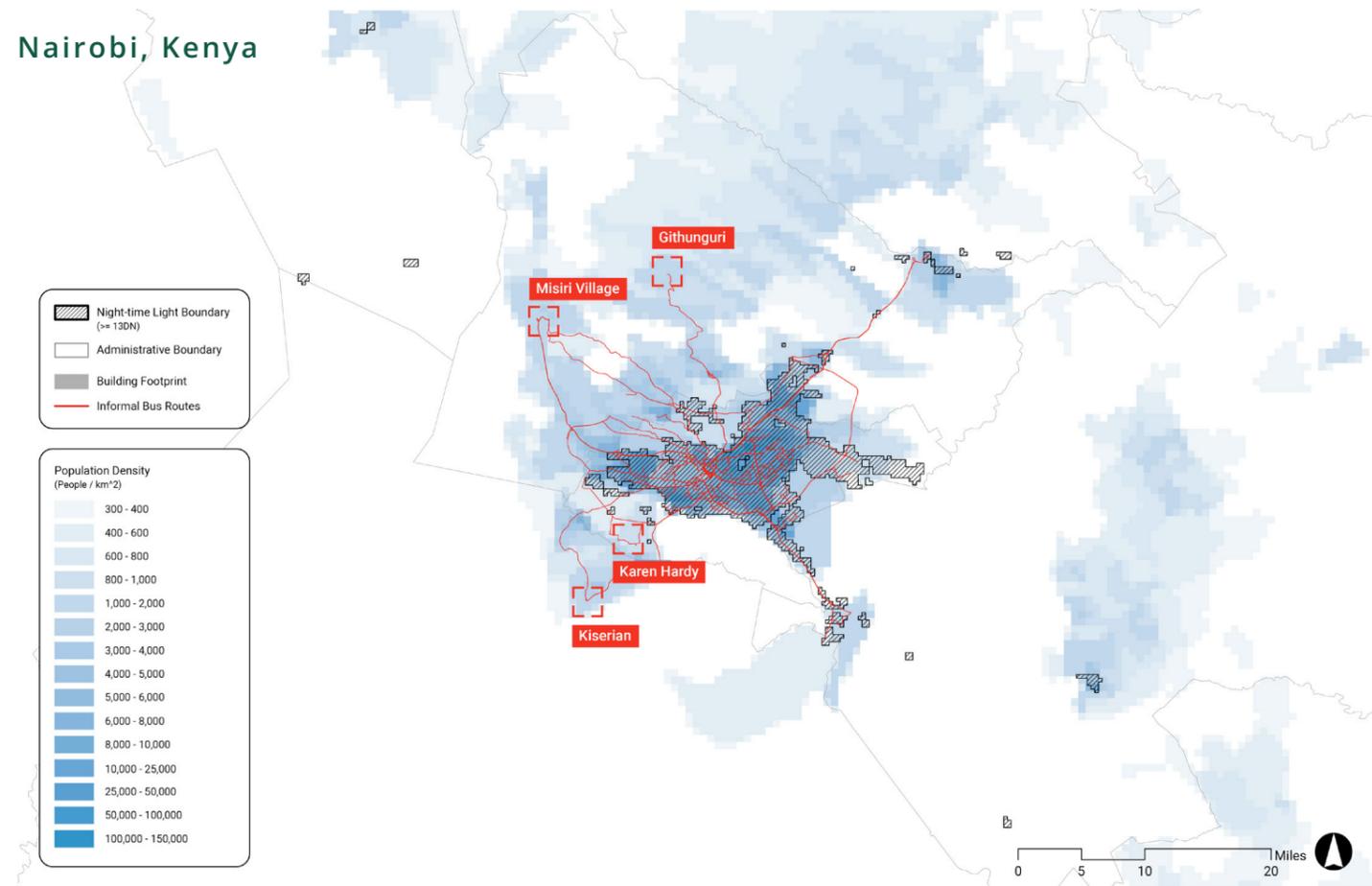


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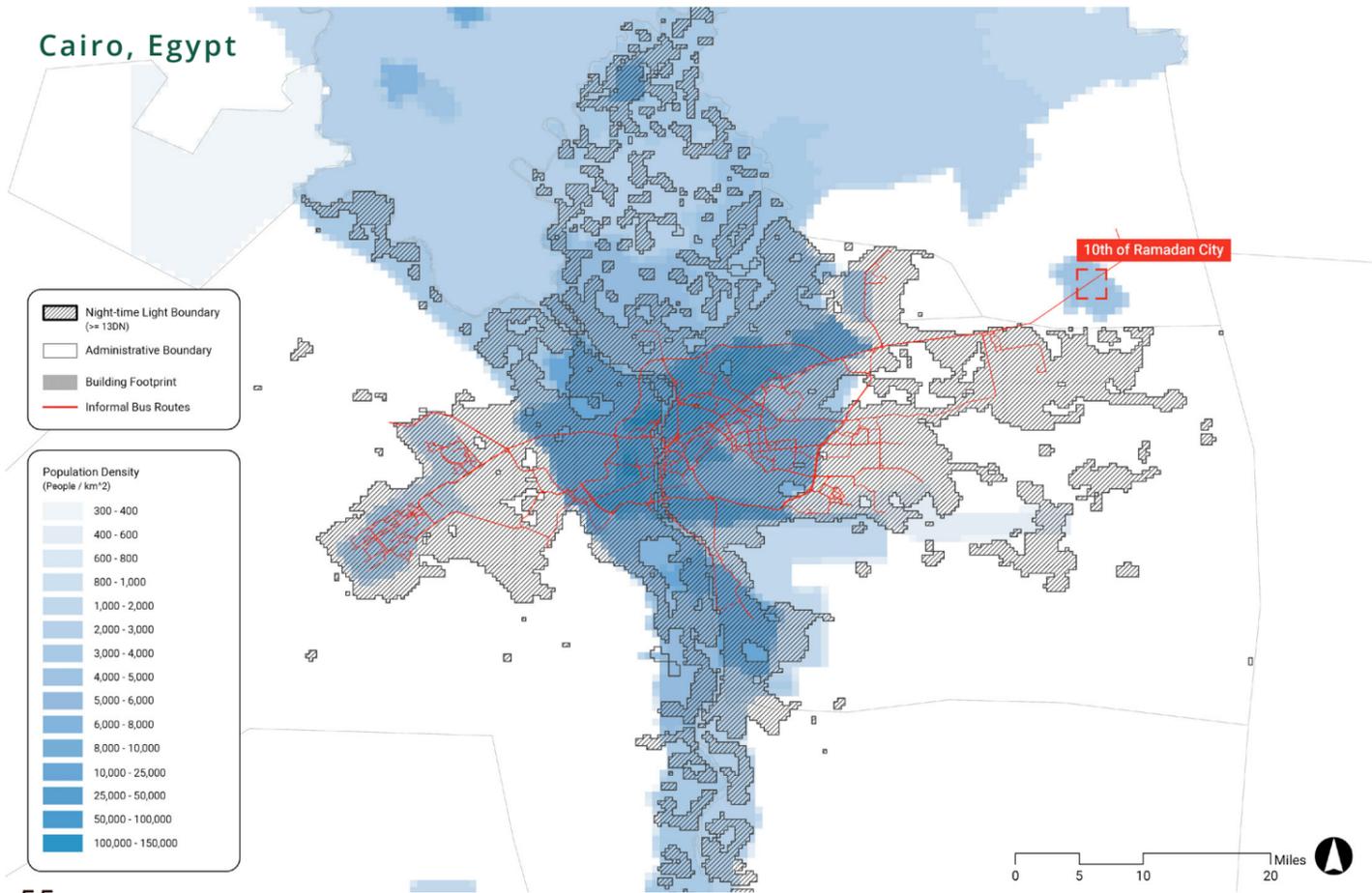
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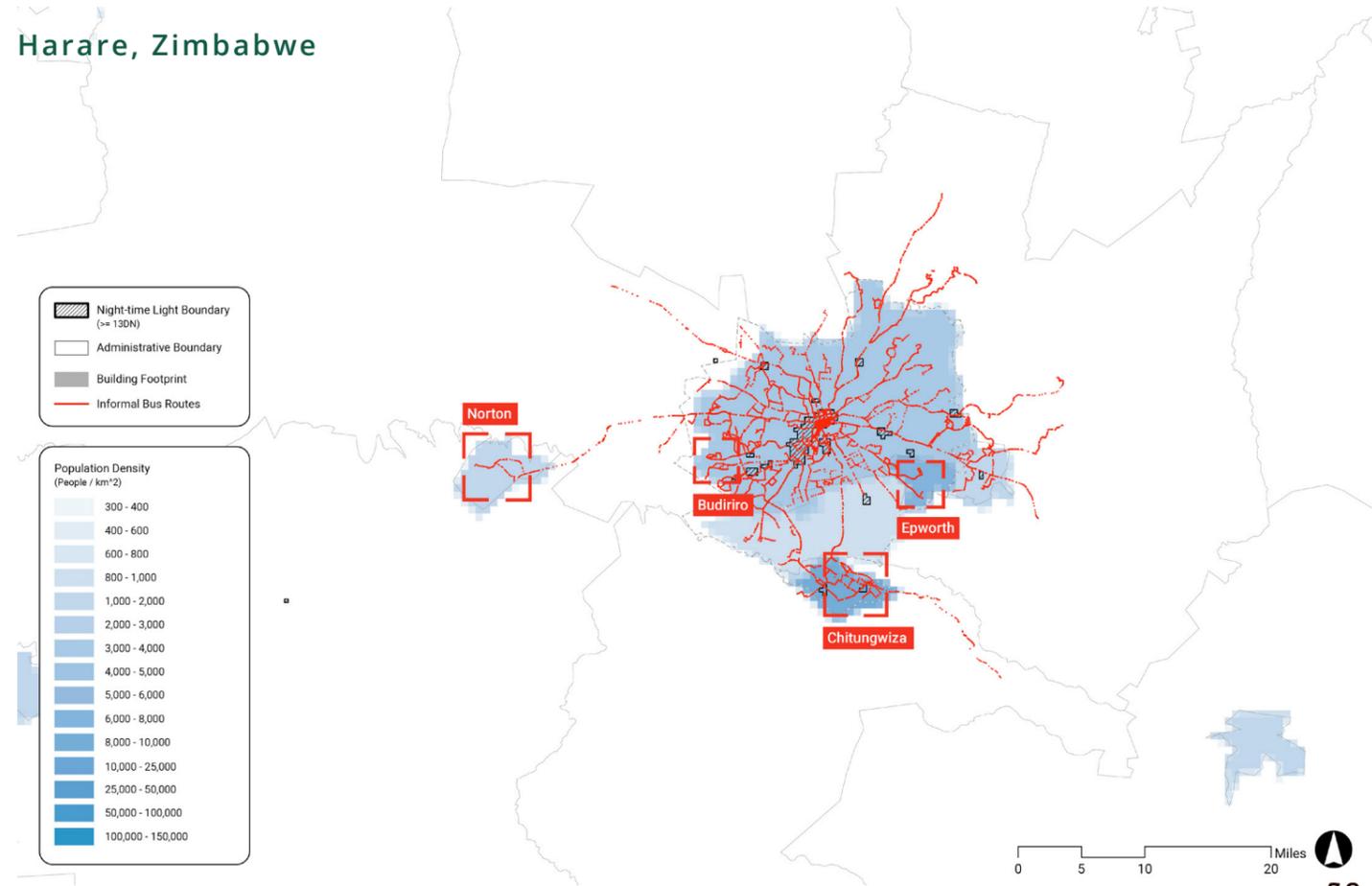
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Cairo, Egypt



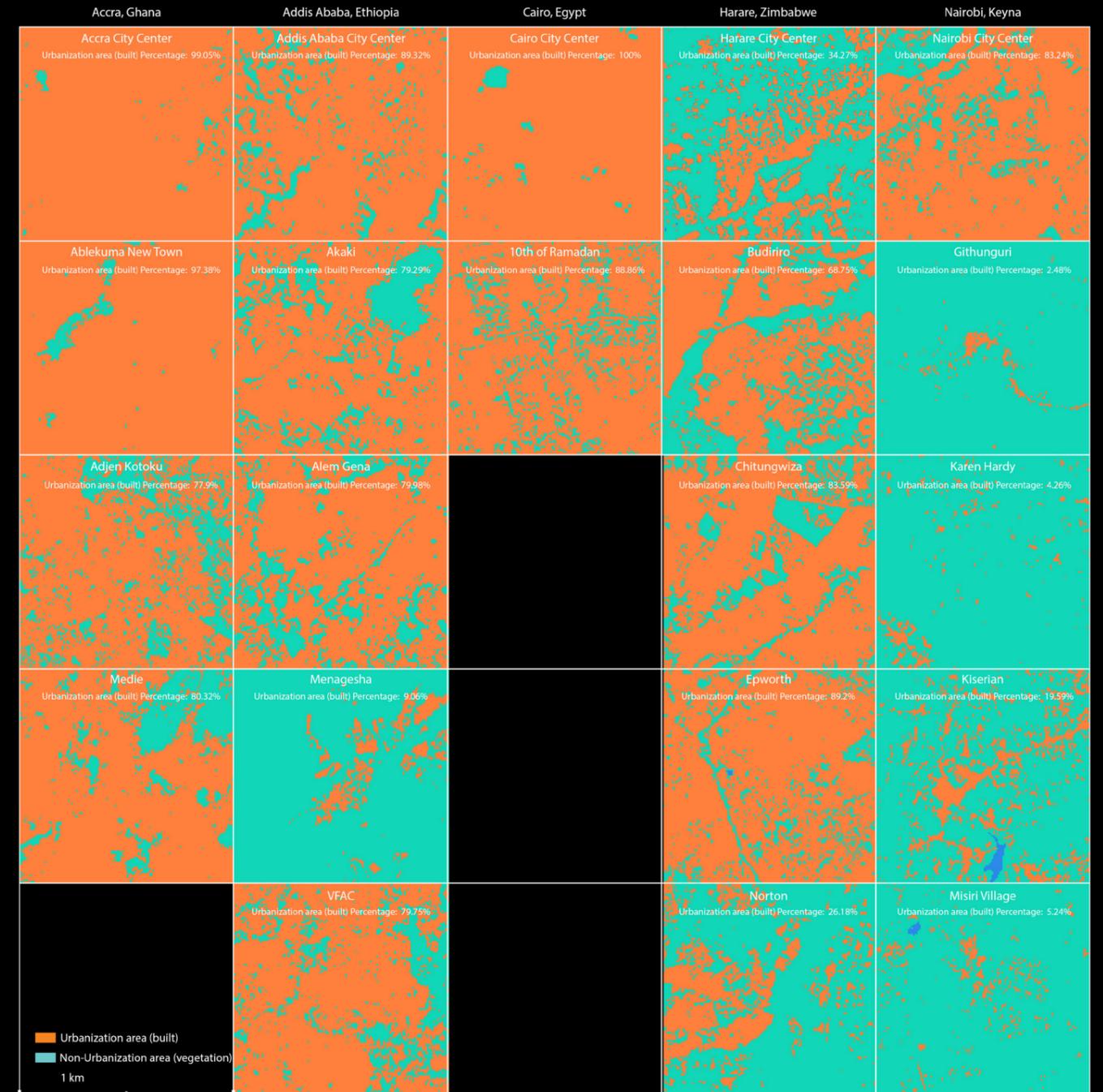
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UNCOVERED INFORMAL BUS CITIES



URBANIZATION AREA AND NON-URBANIZATION AREA



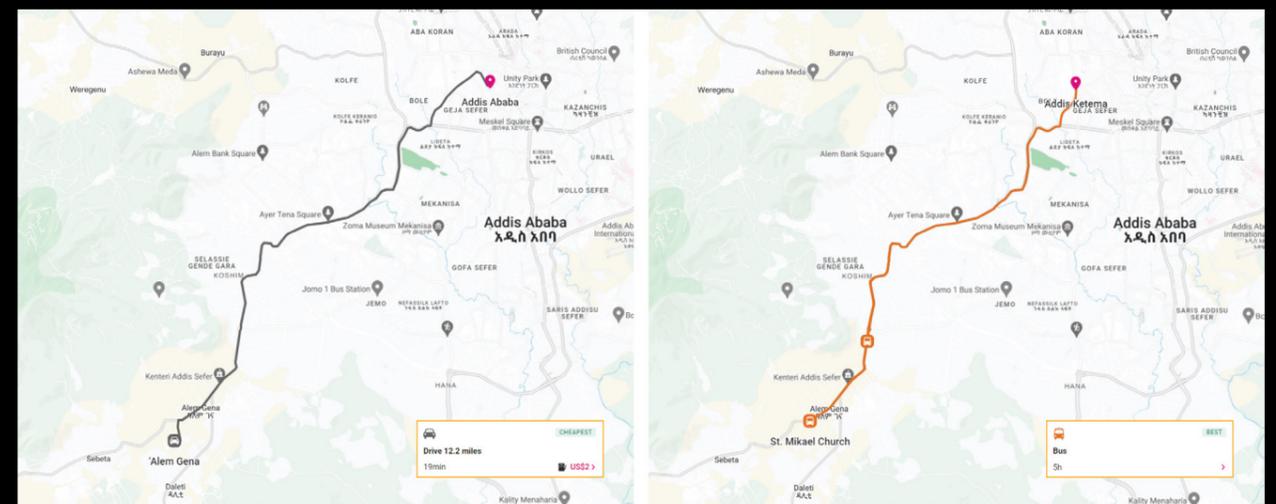
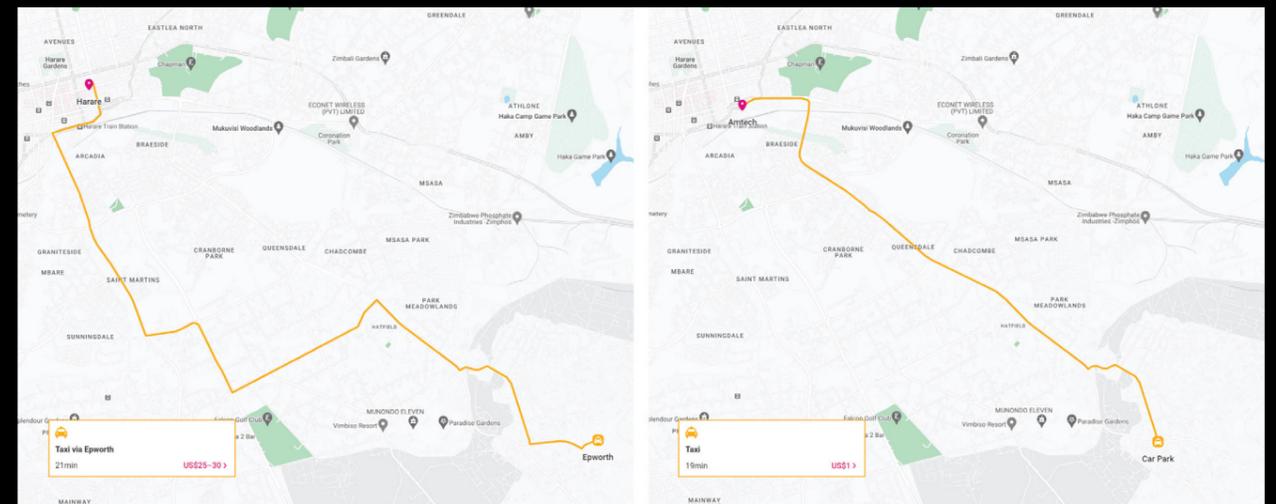
BUILDING MATERIALS

Accra, Ghana	Addis ababa, Ethiopia	Cairo, Egypt	Harare, Zimbabwe	Nairobi, Kenya
Accra City Center Earth Tone Percentage: 7.12%	Addis Ababa City Center Earth Tone Percentage: 11.52%	Cairo City Center Earth Tone Percentage: 33.34%	Harare City Center Earth Tone Percentage: 12.5%	Nairobi City Center Earth Tone Percentage: 7.22%
Ablekuma New Town Earth Tone Percentage: 17.17%	Akaki Earth Tone Percentage: 26.04%	10th of Ramadan Earth Tone Percentage: 27.18%	Budiriro Earth Tone Percentage: 16.33%	Githunguri Earth Tone Percentage: 5.76%
Adjen Kotoku Earth Tone Percentage: 22.1%	Alem Gena Earth Tone Percentage: 16.25%	Chitungwiza Earth Tone Percentage: 20.53%	Karen Hardy Earth Tone Percentage: 14.04%	
Medie Earth Tone Percentage: 10.64%	Menagesha Earth Tone Percentage: 8.99%	Epworth Earth Tone Percentage: 22.99%	Kiserian Earth Tone Percentage: 19.89%	
	VFAC Earth Tone Percentage: 24.97%	Norton Earth Tone Percentage: 23.99%	Misiri Village Earth Tone Percentage: 7.84%	

Accra, Ghana	Addis ababa, Ethiopia	Cairo, Egypt	Harare, Zimbabwe	Nairobi, Kenya
 Trotro Informal Bus Usage Percentage: 70%	 Minibus Taxi Informal Bus Usage Percentage: 73%	 Microbus Informal Bus Usage Percentage: 52.3%	 Mushikashika (Pirate Taxis) Informal Bus Usage Percentage: N/A	 Matatus Informal Bus Usage Percentage: 58.7%

CITIZEN OCCUPATION AND COMMUTING TIME

Accra, Ghana (\$498)	Addis ababa, Ethiopia (\$580)	Cairo, Egypt (\$574)	Harare, Zimbabwe (\$583)	Nairobi, Kenya (\$544)
Ablekuma New Town Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 15 min Gas: \$3-4, 17 min	Akaki Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 45 min Gas: \$2, 19 min	10th of Ramadan Taxi: \$ 3-5	Budiriro Bus: \$1, 27 min Taxi: \$24-29, 18 min	Githunguri Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 27 min Taxi: \$60-75, 41 min
Adjen Kotoku Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 38 min Gas: \$5-7, 33 min	Alem Gena Bus: \$N/A, 5h Gas: \$2, 19 min		Chitungwiza Bus: \$1, 24 min Taxi: \$30-40, 23 min	Karen Hardy Bus: \$ N/A, 48 min Taxi: \$27-35, 20 min
Medie Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 28 min Gas: \$4-6, 27 min	Menagesha Bus: \$ N/A, 45 min Gas: \$2-3, 23 min		Epworth Bus: \$1, 19 min Taxi: \$25-30, 21 min	Kiserian Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 18 min Taxi: \$45-55, 34 min
	VFAC Bus: N/A Gas: \$2, 25 min		Norton Bus: \$2, \$2 min Taxi: \$50-60, 37 min	Misiri Village Bus: \$ N/A, 1h 15 min Taxi: \$60-75, 34 min



06 URBAN SENSING

Privacy Forward

AVERY HALL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

TEAM

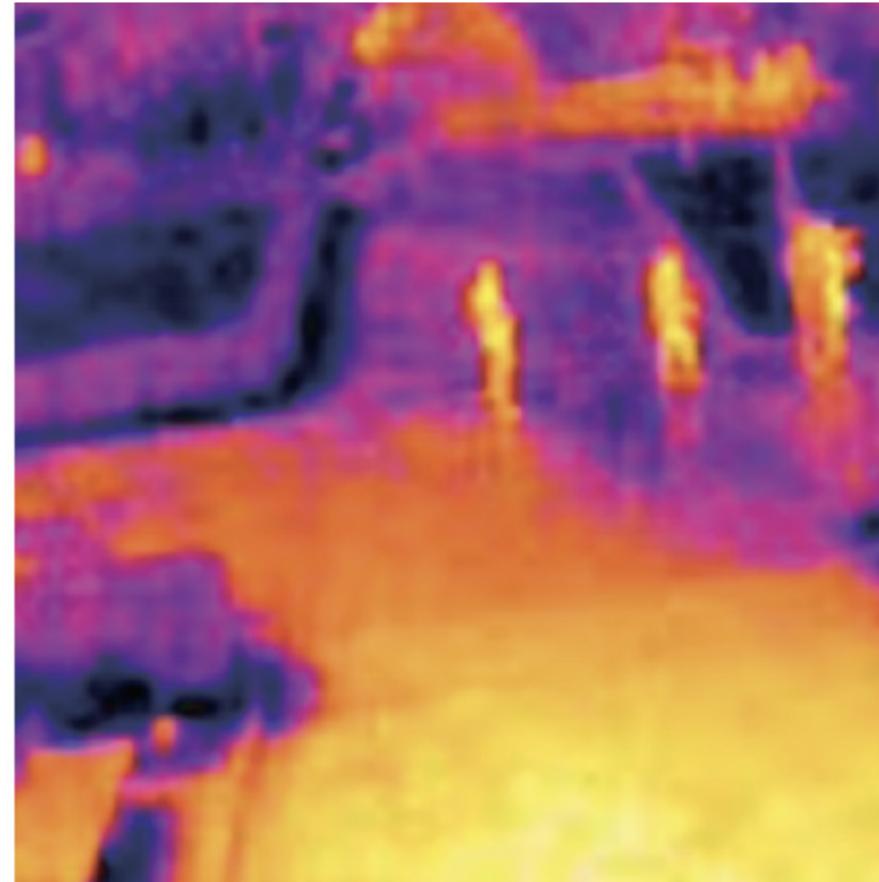
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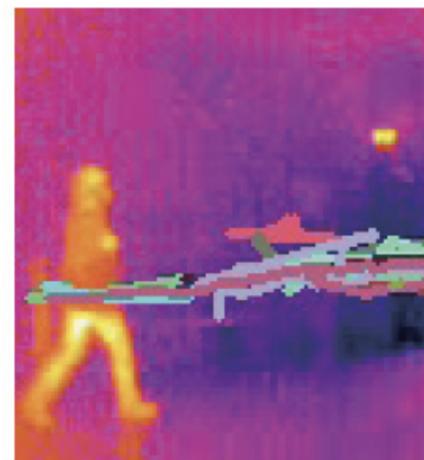
Anthony Vanky

KEY STATEMENT

Our team chose to test what it would require to develop and design a sensor with privacy in mind. Setting out to solve this problem, we took up the interest in understanding what activities and flows in our public space are like. This process required understanding concepts of how much of data is needed, our end use cases and potential sensors. Through an iterative process we began to realise that privacy through software alone was not entirely perfect and it required a hardware level of intervention. Our goal was to implement a thermal sensor, built with an edge compute node that can quickly process and output binary data without ever requiring raw data storage. Using existing computer vision algorithms to create human tracks, we set out to understand and enumerate on our public spaces within Avery Hall. Through forms of experimentation and analysis we tested and learnt of the costs and benefits of using such hardware in our public domain.



Choosing a site was an important challenge as there were needs to meet the constraints of the thermal cameras capability and the ability for the computer vision algorithm to detect objects and create meaningful tracks for us to analyse. Each site was compared to an RGB baseline tracking implementation to understand sensor and model performance.



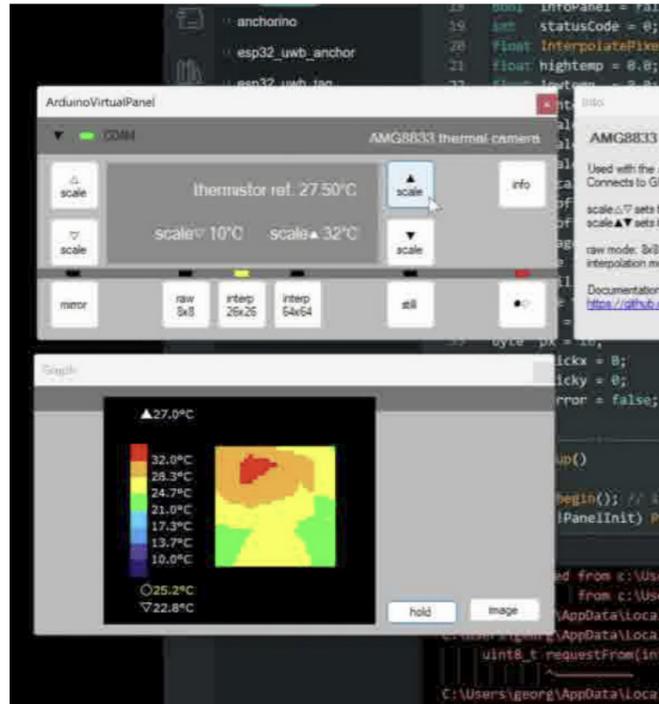
Avery Hall Eye Level



Avery Entrance Eye



Avery Level 100 Eye



Heatbodies is a system that utilizes an infrared camera and machine learning algorithms to track human movements and behaviors in real-time. The system is designed to ensure greater privacy for individuals being scanned as it utilizes a thermal camera that does not capture identifying features.

The project utilizes a range of technologies and software tools, including Python, OpenCV, TensorFlow, YOLOv5 with DeepSort, and the NVIDIA Jetson Nano edge computing platform. Python serves as the primary programming language, while OpenCV provides tools for image processing and computer vision tasks. TensorFlow is used for training the YOLOv5 object detection model and performing inference, and DeepSort is used for real-time object tracking.

The system operates by capturing thermal images of individuals and detecting human faces using the YOLOv5 object detection model. The DeepSort algorithm is then used to track individuals in real-time and analyze their movements and behaviors. The system generates a PNG image of the tracks, which can be used for further analysis and monitoring.

Privacy is a top priority for Heatbodies, and the use of a thermal camera ensures that individuals' identities are not captured. The camera only captures thermal data, which is converted into temperature measurements, and no identifying features are visible in the images. The system also deletes the raw data after processing to further ensure the privacy of individuals being scanned.

In summary, Heatbodies is a system that utilizes advanced technologies and software tools to track human movements and behaviors while ensuring their privacy. The system utilizes a thermal camera and machine learning algorithms to detect and track individuals, and it is designed to run on the NVIDIA Jetson Nano edge computing platform for optimized performance and energy efficiency. Heatbodies is a reliable and effective solution for monitoring and analyzing human movements and behaviors in public areas, workplaces, and other environments where accurate and private tracking is needed.

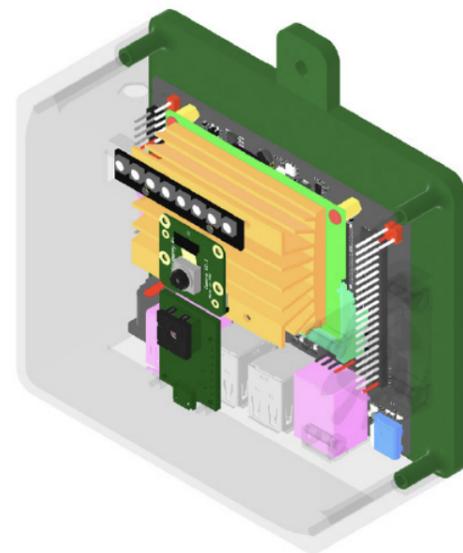
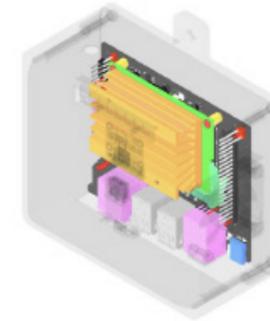
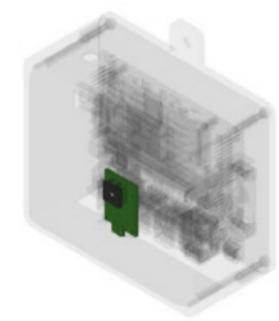


Image (bottom left): Model enclosure and hardware parts laid out. Using online available STEP files to create a precision enclosure



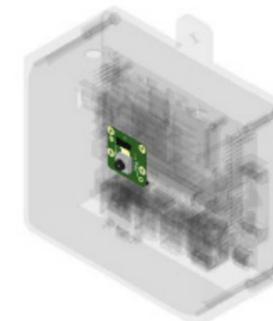
EDGE COMPUTE NODE

An Nvidia Jetson Nano 2GB was used to process and compute the imagery. Being a GPU enabled platform it performs well for computer vision



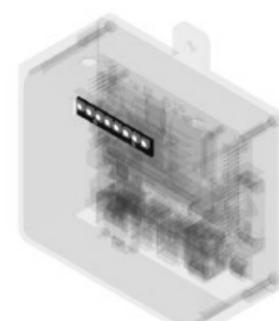
FLIR LEPTON 3

Flir is a thermal imaging camera with a resolution of 160x120px. It offers the ability to plug and play via usb port or pin outs



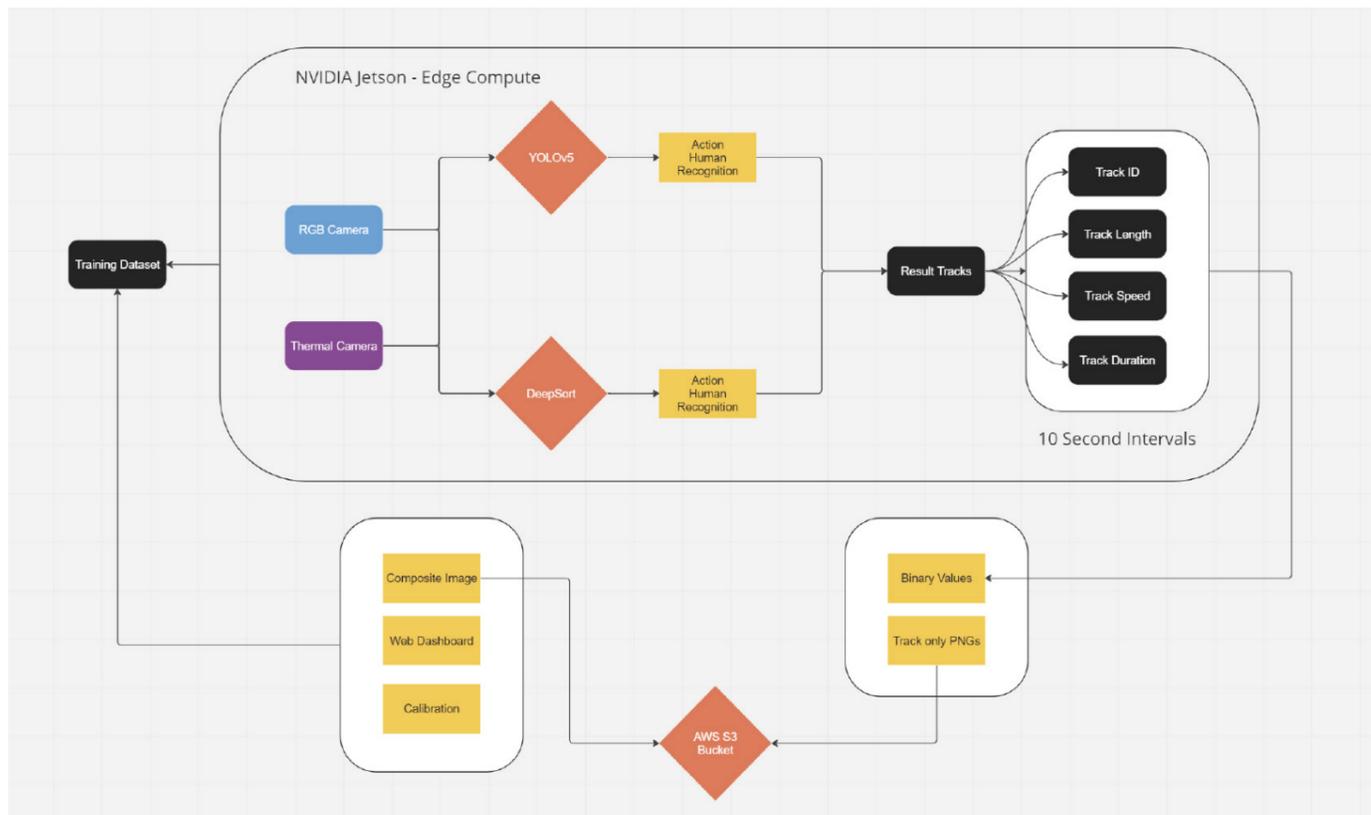
RASPBERRY PI CAM V2

A raspberry pi camera is a standard full HD RGB camera with a manual fixed focus setting. It connects over a CSI Ribbon cable for data.



ADAFRUIT AM3036 THERMAL CAM

The adafruit camera is a low fidelity and cheap entry for an enthusiast thermal imaging camera and has a resolution of 48x72px



Heatbodies is a system that utilizes the NVIDIA Jetson Nano platform for real-time tracking of human movements and behaviors. The system captures thermal images of individuals using an infrared camera and then uses machine learning algorithms, such as YOLOv5 with DeepSort, to detect and track individuals in real-time. This process requires a significant amount of computing power, which is provided by the NVIDIA Jetson Nano edge computing platform.

The workflow for Heatbodies involves capturing thermal images

of individuals, detecting human faces and movements, and analyzing this data in real-time. The system generates a PNG image of the tracks, which can be used for further analysis and monitoring. To store and manage this data, Heatbodies can be integrated with an Amazon Web Services (AWS) bucket.

Capturing thermal images of individuals using an infrared camera.

Running the images through the machine learning algorithms, such as YOLOv5 with DeepSort, on the NVIDIA Jetson Nano platform to detect and track individuals in real-time.

Generating a PNG image of the tracks, which can be uploaded to an AWS bucket.

Storing and managing the PNG image data in the AWS bucket for further analysis and monitoring.

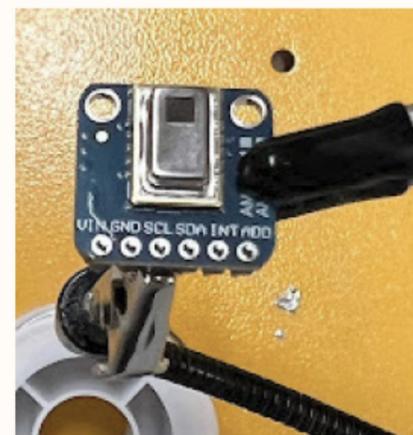
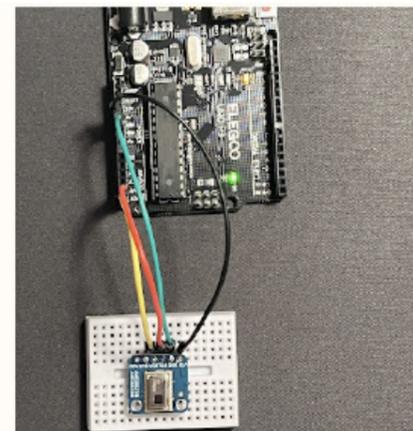


Image (right): Arduino IDE and virtual monitor to visual thermal value outputs from the sensor. The monitor software has built in interpolation methods

